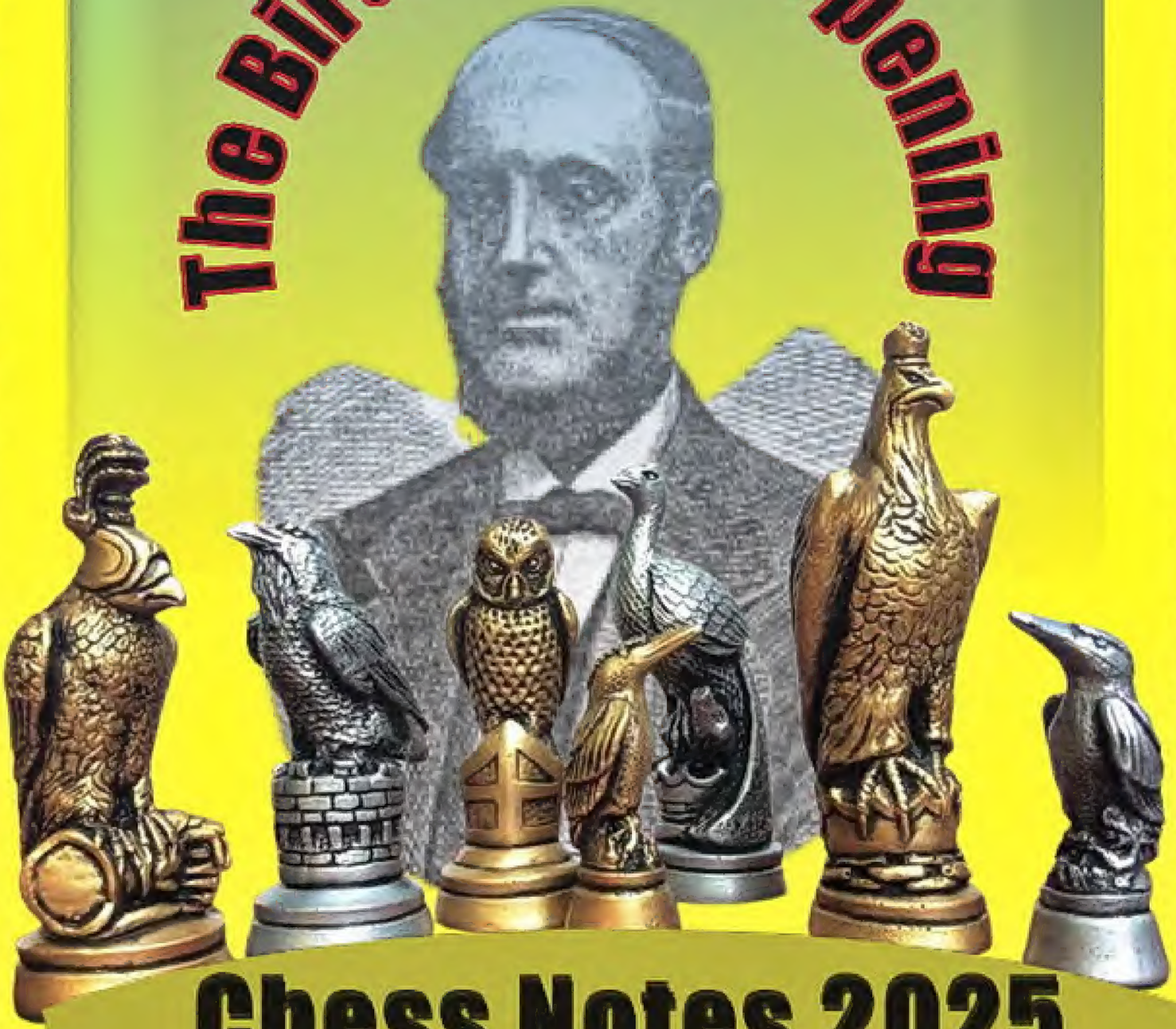
145 Reference Games

The Birds Chess Opening

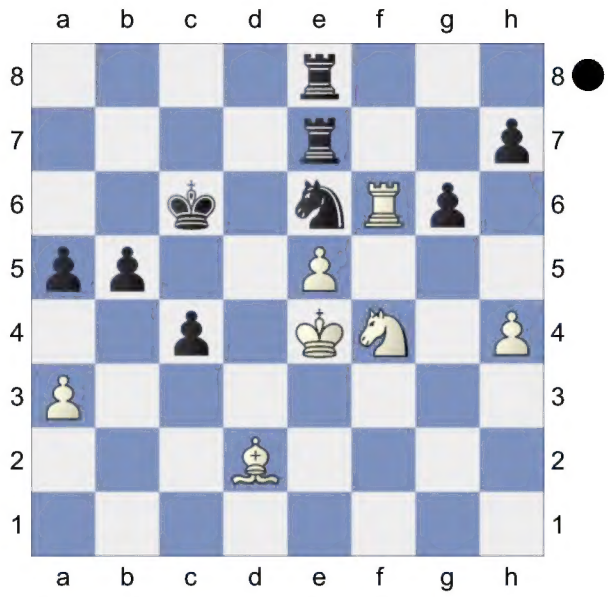


Chess Notes 2025

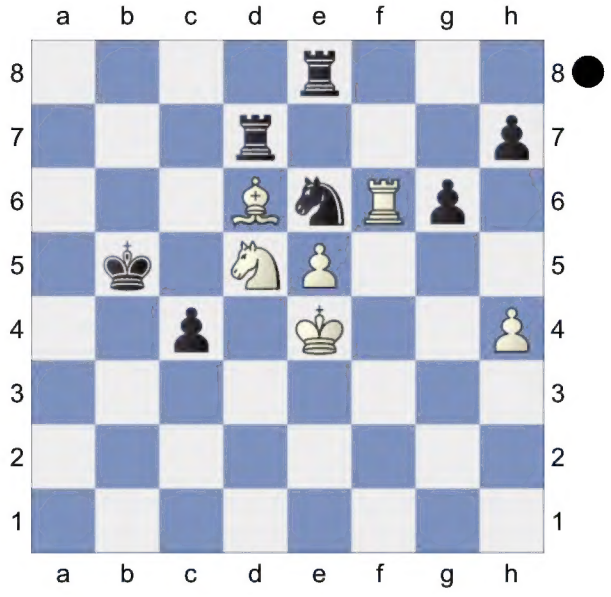
1 **A03**
□ **Carlsen,Magnus** **2831**
■ **Demchenko,Anton** **2619**
Titled Tue 28th Jan Early blitz (11)
[Kitty Kat]

A03: Bird's Opening with 1...d5
1.f4 d5 2.Nf3 Nh6N
[2...c6 3.g3 Bg4 *(3...Nd7 4.Bg2 Qc7 5.0-0 e5 6.fxe5 Nxe5 7.Nxe5 Qxe5 8.d4 Qc7 9.Qd3 Nf6 10.Nc3 Bd6 11.Bh6 0-0 12.Rxf6 gxf6 13.e4 dxe4 14.Nxe4 f5 15.Nf6+ Kh8 16.Qe3 Rg8 17.Bg7+ Kxg7 18.Qg5+* (24) Chapter Part-Game Chapter Part 4*)* 4.Bg2 Nd7 5.d3 Bxf3 6.Bxf3 e5 7.0-0 Ngf6 8.Nc3 Bb4 9.e3 Qe7 10.Bg2 0-0 11.Bd2 Rfe8 12.a3 Bd6 13.e4 dxe4 14.dxe4 b5 15.Qe2 Nb6 16.Rae1 a5 17.Kh1 1-0 (40) Tu,H-Bedgarani,I 35: Olympiad 1994]
[2...h5 3.d3 Nc6 4.e3 Nh6 5.d4 Bg4 6.Be2 e6 7.0-0 Nf5 8.c3 Bd6 9.Ng5 f6 10.e4 fxg5 11.exf5 gxf4 12.Bxg4 hxg4 13.Qxg4 0-0 14.fxe6 Qf6 15.Na3 a6 16.Nc2 Rad8 17.Ne3 1-0 (37) Stamenkovic,Z (2155)-9.00 a6 10.a4 ♘bd7 79236 (2380) Jugoslavija 10/495 1970 (5) Ne7 18.Bd2 Qh6 19.Nc2 Rf5 20.Ne1 Rg5 21.Qd1 Qxe6 22.Nf3 Rf5 23.Qb3 b5 24.Rae1 Qf6 25.a4 c6 26.axb5 axb5 27.Qd1 Rf8 28.Qe2 g5 29.Qe6+ Kg7 30.Qd7 Kf7 31.Rxe7+ Bxe7 32.Re1 1-0 (37) Campbell,E (2193)-Hoch,D (2157) corr CL/2015/PL19]
[2...Bf5 3.d3 e6 4.h3 h5 5.g3 Nf6 6.Nc3 d4 7.e4 dxe3 8.Bxe3 Nc6 9.Bg2 Bb4 10.0-0 Nd5 11.Nxd5 Qxd5 12.Ne5 Qd6 13.Nxc6 bxc6 14.c3 Bc5 15.d4 Bb6 16.c4 c5 17.Bxa8 (26) Chapter Part-Game Chapter Part 6]
3.d3 Bg4 4.e4 dxe4 5.dxe4 Qxd1+ 6.Kxd1 Nc6 7.Nbd2 0-0-0 8.Be2 e5 9.Nxe5 Bxe2+ 10.Kxe2 and Ne5xc6 should not be overlooked **10...Nd4+ 11.Kd1 f6 12.Nd3 Ng4↑** Black has the initiative. **13.Nc4** Dodges Ng4-e3+ **13...Ne6 14.Ke2** Prevents Ng4-f2. **14...Nd4+ 15.Kd2 b5 16.Na3** -0.62/22
[16.Na5= -0.01/22]
16...Bxa3∓ 17.bxa3 Rhe8 -0.38/21
[17...Ne3∓ -0.93/21 18.Bb2 *(18.Kxe3 Nxc2+ 19.Kd2 Nxa1∓)* 18...Nc4+ *(18...Nxg2 19.Rhf1∓; 18...Ndxc2 19.Rac1±)* 19.Kc3 Ne2+ 20.Kb3 Rhe8]
18.h3? -2.14/20
[18.Re1!∓ -0.38/21]
18...Ne3!-+ Decoy **19.Kxe3** -4.24/22
[19.e5 -2.56/20]
19...Nxc2+ 20.Kd2 Nxa1 21.Re1 Rd6? -1.03/23
[21...c5-+ -4.14/22 and Black stays clearly on top. 22.Kc3 Rd4]
22.e5? -4.22/22
[22.Bb2∓ -1.03/23 was the crucial defense. c5 *(22...Red8 23.Re3±)* 23.e5 *(23.Bxa1? c4-+* Pin *)* 23...fxe5 24.fxe5]
22...fxe5 23.fxe5 Rc6 24.Re4 Rc2+ Skewer, Double Attack **25.Ke3 Rxg2 26.Kf3 Rxa2 27.Nb4 Rh2 28.Kg3 Rh1 29.Bf4 Nb3 30.Nd5 Rd1 31.Nb4 Rd4 32.Re3 Nc5 33.Re2 a5 34.Nc2 Rd3+ 35.Kg4 Ne6 36.Be3 g6 37.Kf3 Red8 38.Ke4 c5 39.Rf2 c4 40.Rf6 Re8 41.Rf7 Rd7 42.Rf6 Ree7 43.h4 Rd8 44.Bb6 Rde8 45.Ne3 Kb7 46.Nd5 Rd7 47.Be3 Kc6 48.Nf4 Rde7 49.Bd2**

(Diagram)



b4! 50.axb4 Kb5 -2.11/22
[⌓50...a4 -4.18/19 51.Bc3 a3]
51.Nd5? -5.01/21
[51.Nxe6 -2.11/22 Rxe6 52.Rxe6 Rxe6 53.bxa5]
51...axb4 52.Bxb4 Rd7
[52...Ng5+ 53.Kd4 Ne6+ *(53...Rxe5 54.Rb6+ Ka4 55.hxg5±)* 54.Kc3-+]
53.Bd6



c3 -1.38/21 **54.Nxc3+∓ Kc4** -0.60/20
[54...Kc6∓ -1.30/21 55.Ne2 Rxd6 56.exd6 Nc5+ *(56...Kxd6 57.Nf4-+)* 57.Kf3 Nd7]
55.Nd5? -2.80/21
[55.Nb1∓ -0.60/20]
55...Nc5+-+ 56.Bxc5 Kxc5 -0.02/22 Endgame KRR-KRN
[56...Rxd5-+ -2.33/25 57.Bd6 Rd4+ 58.Kf3 Rxh4]
57.Nf4? -2.02/20
[57.Rf1= -0.02/22]
57...Rd4+ 58.Kf3 Rxe5 59.h5 -3.79/23
[⌓59.Ne6+ -2.30/23 Rxe6 60.Rxe6]
59...Rf5? 0.01/24
[Stronger than 59...gxh5 60.Ne6+ Rxe6 61.Rxe6=]
[59...Rd6-+ -3.79/23 60.Rxd6 Kxd6 61.hxg6 h6]
60.Rxf5+= The position is equal.
60...gxf5 KR-KN **61.Ne6+ Kd5 62.Nxd4 Kxd4** KPP-KP. Black is a pawn up. **63.Kf4 Kd5** (-> ...Kd5-e6) **64.Kxf5** KP-KP **64...h6 65.Kf6 Kd6 66.Kg6 Ke6 67.Kxh6** White threatens Kh6-g7 and mate. **67...Kf7 68.Kh7 Kf8 69.h6**
[69.Kh8!?]
69...Kf7 70.Kh8 Kf8 71.h7
[71.Kh7!?]
71...Kf7 Whites escaped into a draw.
Weighted Error Value: White=0.64/ Black=0.27 (precise)
½-½

2 **A03**
□ **ToromBot** **3060**
■ **YoBot_v2** **3010**
Blitz 30.08.2024
[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 3min+1sec A03: Bird's Opening with 1...d5
1.f4 d5 2.Nf3 Nf6 3.d3 Nc6
[3...g6 4.Nbd2 Ng4 5.Nb3 Bg7 6.c3 h5 7.Qc2 Nc6 8.e4 b6 9.h3 Nh6

10.Be3 Bb7 11.0-0-0 Qd7 12.g3 0-0-0 13.Bg2 Kb8 14.Rhe1 e6 15.Bf2 f6 16.d4 Ne7 17.Nbd2 Nf7 18.c4 0-1 (71) Wastfelt,T (2676)-Skalusevic,L (2686) NAPZ-ch1 fin email 2001]

[3...c5 4.g3 Nc6 5.Bg2 e6 6.0-0 Be7 7.Nc3 d4 8.Ne4 Qc7 9.Nxf6+ Bxf6 10.Nd2 Be7 11.e4 dxe3 12.Nc4 Rb8 13.Nxe3 0-0 14.Bd2 Bf6 15.Rb1 g6 16.a3 a5 17.Qe1 b6 18.Bc3 ½-½ (44) Kubala,M (1873)-7.♘de2 ♘bd7 8.♗g2 ♗e7 (2004) GBR-ch 103rd 2016 (9.1)]

4.e3 Bg4 5.d4N

[5.h3 Bd7 6.g4 h6 7.Bg2 e6 8.0-0 Nh7 9.Nc3 Bd6 10.e4 dxe4 11.dxe4 Qe7 12.Be3 Bc5 13.Qe2 0-0-0 14.Qf2 Bxe3 15.Qxe3 Qb4 16.a4 Qb6 17.Qxb6 axb6 18.Nb5 Nf6 19.Nfd4 Nxd4 1-0 (59) Chapter (1736)-Costa,L (1978) VI Sants Open 2004 (7) 20.Nxd4 c5 21.Nb5 Bxb5 22.axb5 Kc7 23.g5 Nd7 24.gxh6 Rxh6 25.e5 Rhh8 26.Ra7 Rb8 27.Rd1 Rhd8 28.Rd6 Kc8 29.Bc6 Kc7 30.Bg2 Kc8 31.h4 Re8 32.Bxb7+ Rxb7 33.Rxb7 Kxb7 34.Rxd7+ Kc8 0-1 (59) Beyen,R-Barczay,L Olympiad-17 Preliminaries F 1966 (5) 35.Rxf7 Rh8 36.Rxg7 Rxh4 37.Rf7 Rg4+ 38.Kf2 Rh4 39.Ke3 Rh2 40.c4 Rxb2 41.Re7 Rb4 42.Kd3 Rb3+ 43.Ke4 Rb4 44.Rxe6 Rxc4+ 45.Kd5 Rxf4 46.Rxb6 Rf1 47.Rc6+ Kd7 48.Kxc5 Rc1+ 49.Kb6 Rb1 1-0 (59) Bevilacqua,A (1736)-Buono,V (1978) ITA-ch U20 Porto San Giorgio 2004 (7)]

5...e6 6.Nbd2 Be7 7.Be2 0-0 8.0-0 Black has an edge. **8...Na5 9.h3 Bxf3 10.Rxf3 c5 11.c3 Qc7 12.Bd3 g6 13.Qe2 Nc6 14.Rf2 a6 15.a3 b5 16.g4 Kg7 17.Rg2 Rh8 18.Kh1 h6**

[18...h5 19.g5 Nd7 20.Nf3 Bd6]

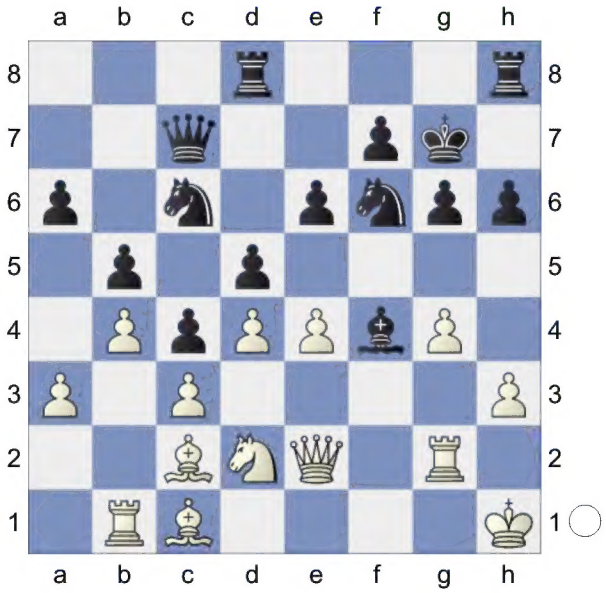
19.Rb1 Rad8 20.b4 -0.47/19

[20.Qf3= -0.10/18]

20...c4!∓ 21.Bc2 Bd6 -0.05/17

[21...a5∓ -0.44/18 was preferable.]

22.e4= Bxf4



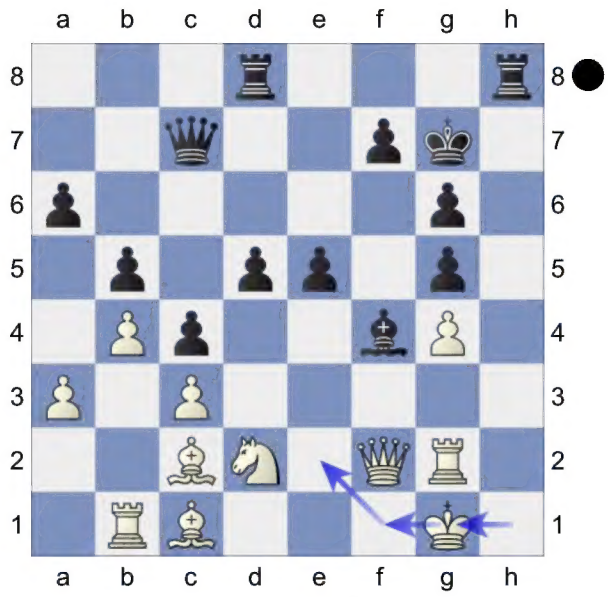
23.e5 Nxe5 24.dxe5 Bxe5 25.Qe3 Bf4 26.Qg1 Nh7 27.Qf2

[27.Nf3?! Bd6± *(27...Ng5 28.Bxf4 Qxf4 29.Rg3=)*]

[27.h4 is interesting. Ng5 28.Qc5 Qe5 29.Qd4]

27...Ng5⇄ Black is not holding back **28.h4** The position is equal. **28...e5!** aiming for ...d5-d4!. **29.hxg5 hxg5+ 30.Kg1**

(Diagram)



Rh3 31.Nf3 Rdh8 32.Kf1
[32.Nxg5? Rh1#]
32...Bxc1 33.Rxc1 e4! 34.Qd4+
[34.Nxg5? e3 *(34...Rxc3? 35.Kg1+-)* 35.Qxf7+ Qxf7+ 36.Nxf7 Rh1+ 37.Ke2 *(37.Rg1? R8h2-+)* 37...Rxc1 38.Kxe3 Kxf7-+]
34...f6 35.Nxg5
[35.Ng1!? Qf4+□ 36.Rf2 Qxc1+ 37.Bd1 Qxc3 *(37...Rxc3 38.Qxf6+ Kh7 39.Rh2+* Skewer *)* 38.Qa7+ Kh6 39.Nxh3 Qxh3+ 40.Rg2=]
35...Qf4+ 36.Ke2 Black must now prevent Ng5-e6+. **36...Qxc1 37.Qa7+**
[37.Nxh3? loses. Qxc2+ 38.Qd2 Qxd2+ 39.Kxd2 Rxh3-+]
37...Kh6 38.Nf7+ Kh7 39.Ng5+ Kh6 40.Nf7+ Kh7 41.Ne5+ Kh6 42.Nf7+
Weighted Error Value: White=0.04 (flawless) /Black=0.03 (flawless)
½-½

3 **A03**
□ **RaspFish** **3061**
■ **pawn_git** **2827**
Rapid 28.08.2024
[Kitty Kat]

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1.f4 d5 2.Nf3 e6 3.Nc3N
[3.e3 c5 4.d4 Nc6 5.c3 Bd6 6.Bd3 Nge7 7.0-0 f6 8.Nh4 g6 9.Nd2 Qc7 10.a3 Bd7 11.b4 c4 12.Bc2 0-0-0 13.g3 e5 10) Queen/^s Gambit Declined-Queen/^s Gambit Declined Odds 1… e6 Against Everything 2024]
[3.d3 b6 4.g3 Be7 5.Bg2 h5 6.h3 Bb7 7.0-0 Nd7 8.Qe1 c5 9.e4 Qc7 10.Nc3 a6 11.Bd2 dxe4 12.dxe4 0-0-0 13.Qe2 Ngf6 14.Ng5 Rhf8 15.e5 Ne8 16.Bxb7+ Qxb7 17.Nce4 h4 1-0 (65) Stephan,A (2563)-Biefel,C (2395) Bucuresti 1/312 1966 (9)]
[3.b3 Nc6 4.Bb2 f6 5.e3 Bd7 6.Bb5 Bd6 7.0-0 Qe7 8.Bxc6 Bxc6 9.Nd4 Qd7 10.Qg4 f5 11.Qg5 Qf7 12.Nxc6 h6 13.Qg3 bxc6 14.Bxg7 Rh7 15.Bb2 Nf6 16.Bxf6 1-0 Mvl'S Blitzkrieg,S (1689)-Puntier,W (1520) Jugoslavija 81/403 2001 (7)]
3...Nf6 4.d3 Bb4 5.a3 Bxc3+ 6.bxc3 0-0 7.h3 Nh5 8.Kf2 The position is equal. **8...Nf6 9.g4 c5 10.Bg2 b6 11.Qe1 Bb7 12.Rf1 Nc6 13.Kg1 Ne8 14.h4 Nd6 15.h5 h6 16.Qg3 Kh7** 0.77/17
[16...f6= 0.30/19 deserves consideration.]

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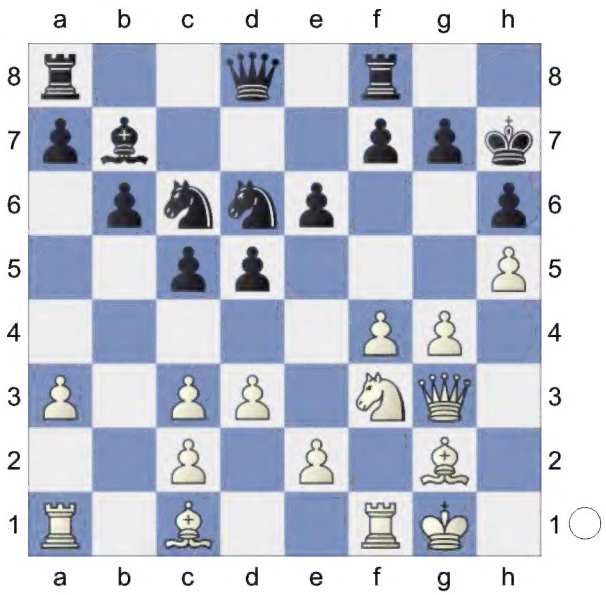
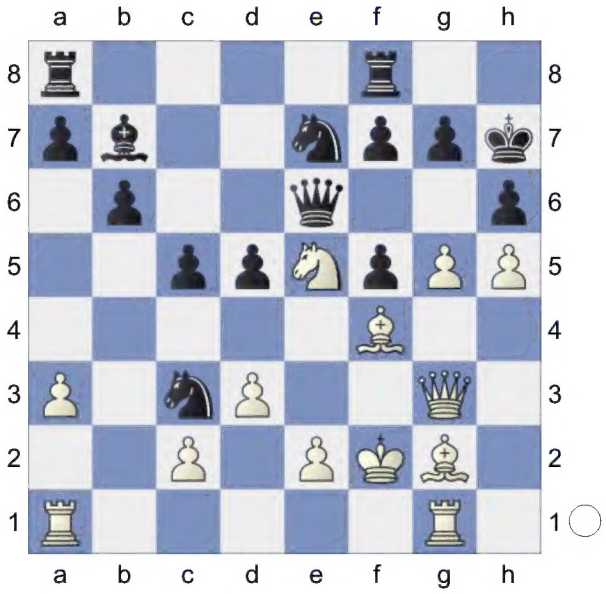
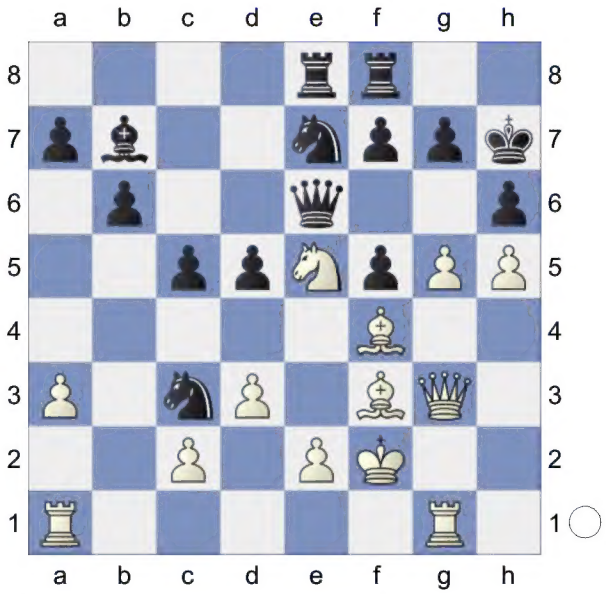


Repels f4-f5 **17.f5!±** **exf5** **18.Bf4** White is more active. **18...Nb5** **19.g5!** White has strong compensation. **19...Ne7** **20.Kf2**
[20.gxh6 gxh6 21.Qh4 f6=]
20...Qd7 1.59/18
[Black should try 20...f6!± 0.40/17]
21.Ne5! **Qe6** Hoping for ...h6xg5.
22.Rg1!
[22.gxh6 gxh6 23.Bd2 Rg8-+]
22...Nxc3 1.96/19
[22...hxg5± 1.03/17 23.Qxg5 Rg8]



23.Bf3!+- **Rae8?** 2.51/17
[23...a6± 0.97/16]



24.Rae1!→ White wants a kill.
24...hxg5? 4.73/19 This move loses the game for Black.
[24...Ne4+± 1.58/17 is a better chance. 25.dxe4 dxe4 26.Nxf7 *(26.gxh6 g6+-)* 26...Nd5 *(26...exf3?* too greedy. *27.Nd6+-)*]
25.Qxg5 **Qf6** **26.Qxf6**
[Weaker is 26.Nd7 Qxg5 27.Bxg5 *(27.Nxf8+ Rxf8 28.Bxg5 f6±)* 27...f6 28.Nxf8+ Rxf8±]
26...gxf6 **27.Nd7!** **Kh8** **28.Nxf6** **Ng8** **29.Nd7** **f6** **30.Nxf8** **Rxf8** **31.h6** **Rf7** **32.Rg3** **Rd7** **33.Reg1** **Ne7** **34.Rg7** And now h6-h7 would win. **34...Ne4+** **35.dxe4** **dxe4** **36.Bh5** **Ba8** **37.Rf7** **e3+** **38.Bxe3** 14.69/19
[⌓38.Ke1 #11/21 Bd5 39.Rxf6 Ng8 40.Rxf5 Ne7 41.Rf8+ Ng8 42.Bg6 *(42.Bxe3 Rd6+-)* 42...Re7 43.Bf5 Bc4 44.h7 Pin Rg7 45.Be5 Pin Bd5 46.Bxg7#]
38...Bd5 **39.Rxf6** **Rd8** **40.Bf4** Intending Bf4-e5 and mate. **40...Rg8** **41.Rxg8+** **Bxg8** **42.Bg6** **Nxg6**

43.Rxg6 a5 44.Rg7 Bh7 45.Be5 Bg6 46.h7 Bxh7 47.Rg5#
Weighted Error Value: White=0.16 (very precise) /Black=0.95
1-0

4	**A03**
☐ **ToromBot**	**3087**
■ **caissa-x**	**3046**
Rapid	15.08.2024
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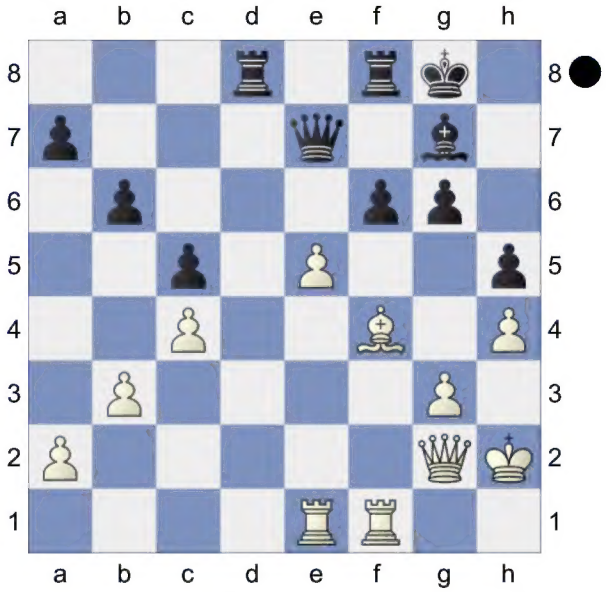
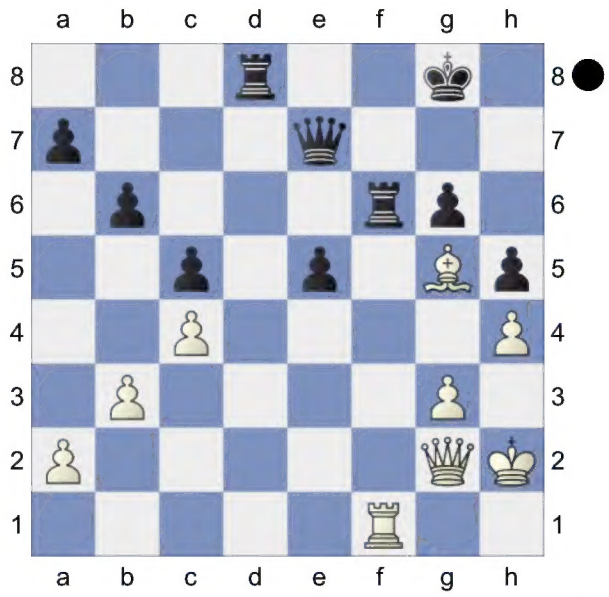
Blitz 8min+1sec A03: Bird's Opening with 1...d5
Finally, we will examine the plan after ...d5-d4 based on e2-e4, typically answered with ...dxe3. We usually reach this structure from the ...Nh6 systems with plenty of concrete examples. Now I will try to clarify the issue more abstractly, using a game from another line. GM Mihail Marin, MH: 'Finally, we will examine the plan after ...d5-d4 based on e2-e4, typically answered with ...dxe3. We usually reach this structure from the ...Nh6 systems with plenty of concrete examples. Now I will try to clarify the issue more abstractly, using a game from another line. A03: Bird's Opening with 1...d5' **1.f4 d5 2.Nf3 Nf6 3.g3 g6 4.Bg2 Bg7 5.0-0 0-0 6.d3 c5 7.Ne5**
[7.c3 d4 8.e4 dxe3 9.Bxe3 Qc7 10.Na3 e6 11.Qe2 b6 12.f5 exf5 13.Bf4 Qd8 14.Ne1 Nd5 15.c4 Bb7 16.cxd5 Bxd5 17.Nb5 Nc6 18.Nf3 Qd7 19.Qd2 Rad8 20.Nc3 Bxf3 21.Rxf3 Ne5 1-0 (53) Maghsoodloo,P (2656)-Bindrich,F (2571) Dresden Porzellan Cup rapid 2010 (8)]
7...Ng4N
[7...b6 8.e4 Bb7 9.Nc3 e6 10.Qe2 Nc6 11.Nxc6 Bxc6 12.e5 Nd7 13.Bd2 b5 14.Nd1 Qb6 15.Nf2 a5 16.g4 a4 17.g5 b4 18.Kh1 b3 19.cxb3 axb3 20.a3 Rfc8 21.Ng4 Bb5 22.Bc3 0-1 (36) Makarian,R (2440)-Moiseenko,A (2577) Wch Blitz Almaty 2022 (8) d4 23.Bd2 Qa6 24.Rf3 c4 25.dxc4 Bxc4 26.Qe1 Bd5 27.Rh3 Bxg2+ 28.Kxg2 Rc2 29.Rd1 Qc6+ 30.Kg1 Rxb2 31.Qh4 Rxd2 32.Qxh7+ Kf8 33.Rxd2 Qc1+ 34.Kg2 Qxd2+ 35.Kg3 Qe1+ 36.Nf2 b2 0-1 Mecelica,E (2440)-Chigogidze,K (2577) Merida 2000 (8)]
8.Nxg4 Bxg4 9.h3 Be6 10.e4 Qd7 11.Kh2 Nc6 12.c3 f6 13.Nd2 Bf7 14.Nf3 b6 15.Be3 Rad8 16.Qe2 Qc7 17.b3 e5 18.fxe5 Nxe5 19.Nxe5 Qxe5 20.c4 dxe4 21.dxe4 Be8 22.Bf4 Qe7 23.Rae1 Bc6 24.h4 h5 25.e5 -0.54/21
[White should try 25.Qc2= -0.01/18]
25...Bxg2∓ 26.Qxg2



And now e5xf6 would win. **26...fxe5 27.Bg5 Bf6 28.Rxf6** The position is equal. **28...Rxf6 29.Rf1!⇄**

(Diagram)



Pin. White is fighting back **29...Rdf8 30.Rxf6**
[30.Bxf6 Rxf6]
30...Rxf6 31.Bxf6 Qxf6 32.Qa8+ Qf8 33.Qd5+ Kh7 34.Qxe5 Qf2+ 35.Kh3
Weighted Error Value: White=0.06 (flawless) /Black=0.05 (flawless)
½-½

5 **A03**
□ **ToromBot** **3084**
■ **odonata-bot** **2821**
Rapid 15.08.2024
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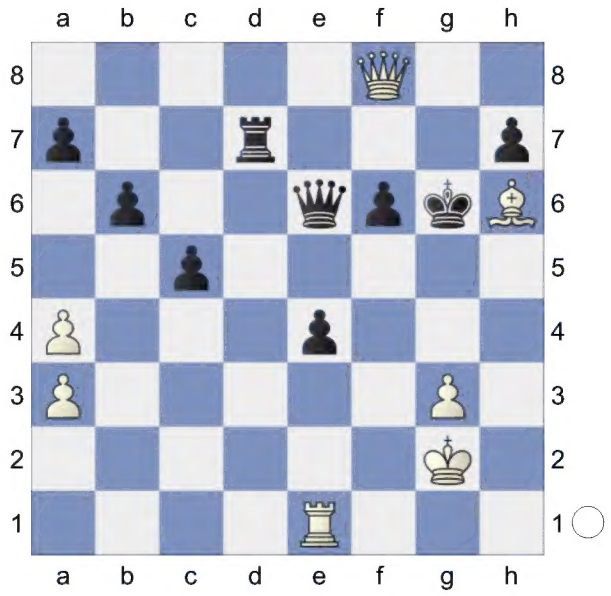
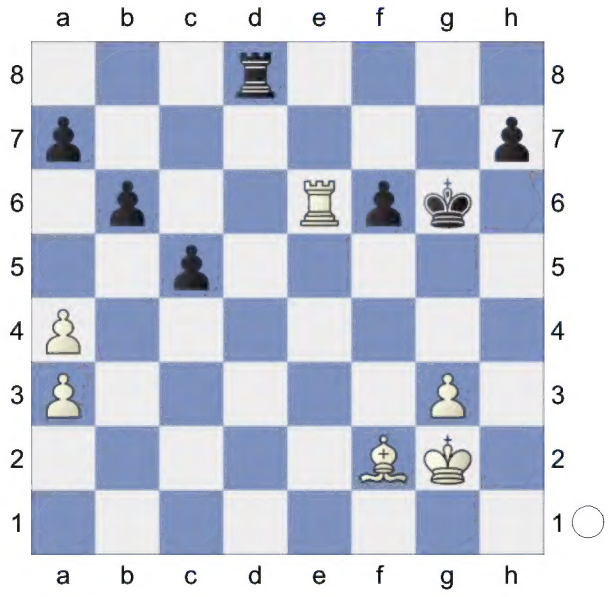
1.f4 d5 2.Nf3 Nf6 3.g3 Nc6 4.Bg2 g6
[4...Bg4 5.d4 Qd7 6.h3 Bxf3 7.exf3 e6 8.Be3 Bd6 9.h4 Ne7 10.Nc3 Nf5 11.Bf2 Bb4 12.0-0 Bxc3 13.bxc3 h5 14.Re1 0-0-0 15.Qd3 Nd6 16.Bh3 g6 17.a4 Nfe8 18.Bf1 Nc4 19.Reb1 0-1 (29) Asensio,T (2450)-Natoli,A (2555) 59/152 Tilburg 1993]
[4...Bf5 5.d3 e6 6.c3 Be7 7.0-0 0-0 8.Nh4 Bg4 9.h3 Bh5 10.Nf3 Bxf3 11.exf3 Qd7 12.Be3 d4 13.Bf2 Rad8 14.c4 Rfe8 15.Nd2 Rb8 16.g4 Bd6 17.Bg3 b5 18.b3 e5 19.fxe5 0-1 (31) Thomassen,A-Anand,K India-Sweden Friendly Match 2004]
5.0-0N
[5.d3 Bg7 6.c3 0-0 7.0-0 Re8 8.Na3 a6 9.c4 e5 10.Nxe5 Nxe5 11.fxe5 Rxe5 12.Bf4 Re8 13.Qd2 c6 14.c5 Qe7 15.Bg5 Qxc5+ 16.d4 Qd6 17.Bf4 Qf8 18.Be5 Bf5 19.Bxf6 Bxf6 ½-½ (30) Riedel,W-Jhunjhnuwala,R WchT U26 prel-3 20th 1974 (5)]
5...Bg7 6.a4 0-0 7.c3 b6 8.d3 The position is equal. **8...Bb7 9.Qc2 Ng4 10.Na3 Re8 11.e4 dxe4 12.dxe4 e5 13.f5 gxf5 14.Qe2!** Threatening Nf3-h4. **14...Nd4 15.cxd4 exd4 16.Ne1 Bxe4 17.Nd3 Qd7 18.Nc4 Bd5 19.Qc2 Be4 20.Bf4 Re7 21.h3 Ne3 22.Nxe3 dxe3 23.Bxe4 fxe4 24.Ne1 Qxh3 25.Ng2!**
[25.Bxe3?! Qxg3+ 26.Ng2 Be5=]
25...Rd8 Dodges Ra1-d1 **26.Nxe3**
[26.Bxc7? Rd2-+]
26...Rd3 and ...Rd3xe3! should not be overlooked **27.Ra3 Bd4 28.Re1 Rxa3 29.bxa3 c5 30.Qh2 Qg4 31.Qf2**
[31.Qe2 simplifies Qxe2 32.Rxe2 Kg7 33.Kg2]
31...Qe6 32.Kg2 Rd7 33.Qe2 Repels c5-c4 **33...Bxe3** 1.55/20
[⌓33...Bc3 1.09/19 34.Qg4+ Kh8 *(34...Qxg4 35.Nxg4 Bxe1 36.Nf6+ Kf8 37.Nxd7+ Ke7 38.Ne5±)* 35.Qxe6 fxe6]
34.Qxe3±
[34.Bxe3 Rd3±]
34...Rd4 35.Bh6 f6 36.Qf4 Kf7 37.Qb8 Really sharp! **37...Rd7** 2.28/20
[37...Kg6± 1.32/19 38.Bc1 Qa2+

39.Kg1 Qd5]
38.Qf8++- Kg6

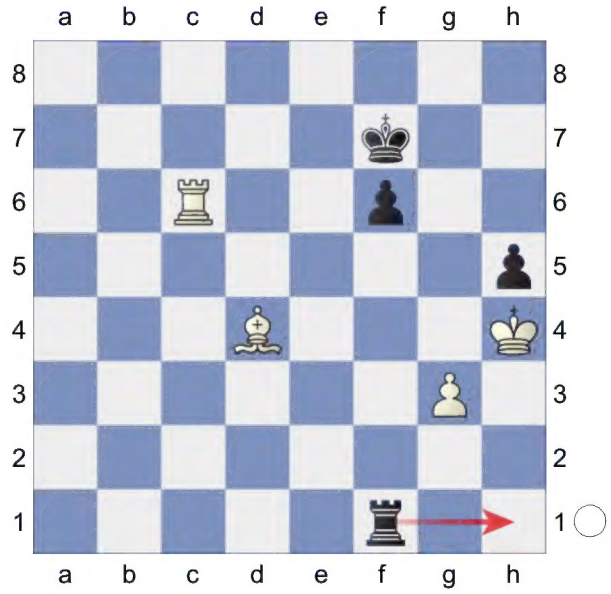


39.Bc1! e3 40.Bxe3 Rg7 41.Qa8 Rg8 42.Bf2 Discovered Attack
[Stronger than 42.Qxa7 Qc6+ 43.Kf2 Ra8=]
42...Rxa8 43.Rxe6 Endgame KRB-KR
43...Rd8 3.94/24
[⌓43...Rc8 2.59/21 44.a5 Kf7]



44.a5! Rd3 4.62/23
[44...Rd2 3.28/20 might work better. 45.axb6 axb6 46.Rxb6 h6]

[44...Kf7 45.Rc6]
45.axb6 axb6 46.Rxb6 Rxa3 47.Bxc5 Ra2+ 48.Kh3 Ra5 49.Bd4 Rf5 50.Rc6 h6 51.Kh2 h5 52.Kh3 Kf7 53.Kh4 aiming for Rc6xf6+!. **53...Rf1**



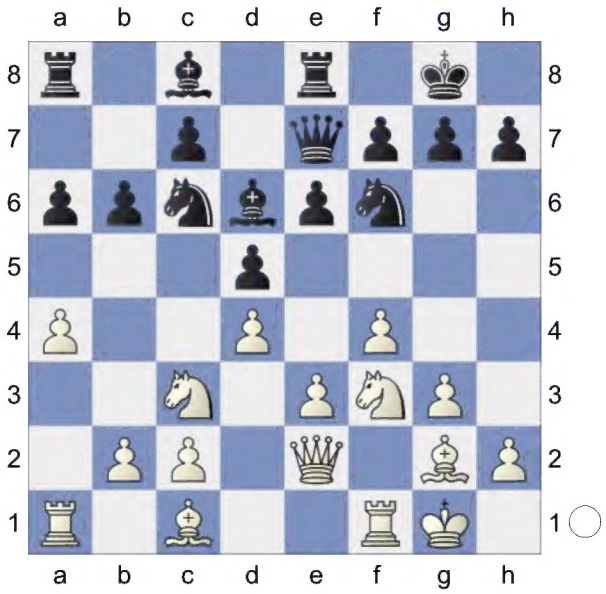
54.Rxf6+! Rxf6 55.Bxf6 KB-KP
55...Kg6 56.Bg5 Kg7 57.Kxh5 Kg8 58.Kg6 Kf8 59.Kf6 Kg8 60.Bh6 Kh7 61.Bf8 Kg8 62.Ke7 Kh7 63.Kf7 White threatens g3-g4 and mate.
63...Kh8 64.g4 White mates. **64...Kh7 65.g5 Kh8 66.Bg7+ Kh7 67.g6#**
Weighted Error Value: White=0.03 (flawless) /Black=0.27 (precise)
1-0

6 **A03**
□ **ToromBot** **3085**
■ **odonata-bot** **2814**
Rapid 14.08.2024
[Kitty Kat]

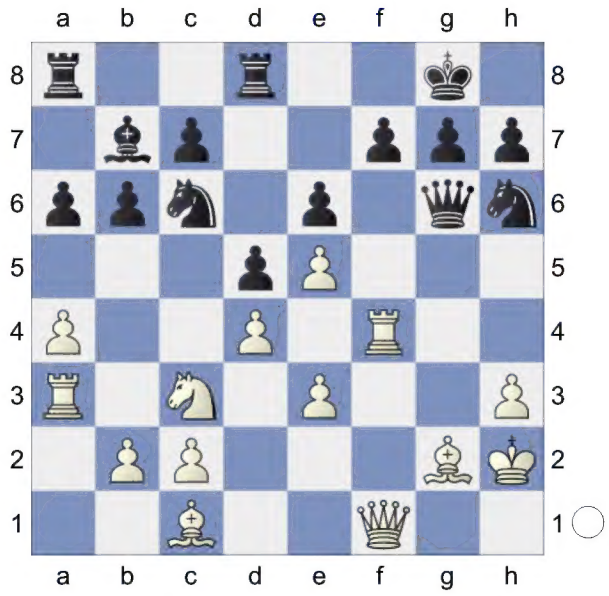
Blitz 8min+1sec A03: Bird's Opening with 1...d5
1.f4 d5 2.Nf3 Nf6 3.g3 e6N
[3...g6 4.b3 Bg7 5.Bb2 0-0 6.Bg2 b6 7.a4 c5 8.e3 Bb7 9.0-0 Nc6

1.f4 d5 2.♘f3 ♘f6 3.g3 g6-4.b3]
[3...Nc6 4.d4 a6 5.Bg2 Bg4 6.Ne5 Nxe5 7.fxe5 Nd7 8.c4 dxc4 9.Bxb7 Ra7 10.Bc6 e6 11.0-0 Be7 12.Nd2 0-0 13.Nxc4 Nb8 14.Be4 c5 15.Rf4 Bh3 16.e3 Bg5 17.Rf2 g6 18.b3 (20) Chapter Part-Game Chapter Part 5]

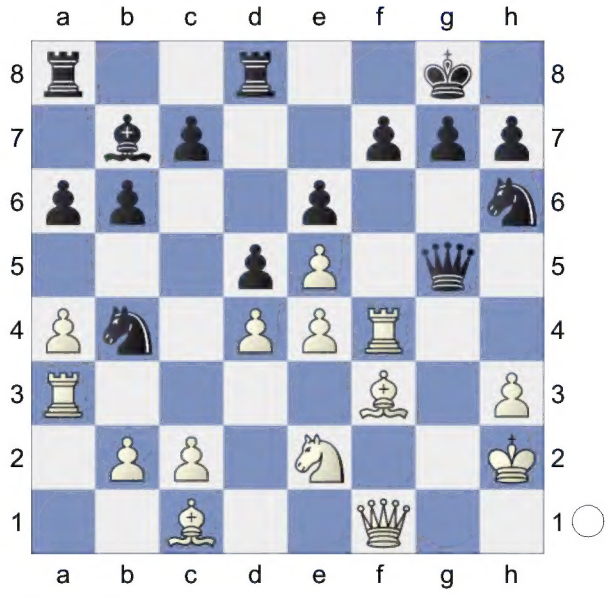
4.a4 Nc6 5.Bg2 Bd6 6.0-0 0-0 7.Nc3 a6 8.e3 The position is equal. **8...Qe7 9.Qe2 Re8 10.d4 b6**



11.g4! Nxg4
[11...Bb7 simplifies 12.g5 Nh5 13.Ne5 g6]
12.Ne5! Bxe5 0.68/20
[12...Ncxe5= 0.02/18 13.dxe5 Nxe5 *(13...Qh4 14.h3±)*]
13.fxe5± Qh4 14.h3↑ White has compensation. White has some pressure. **14...Nh6 15.Rf4 Qg3** 0.89/18
[15...Qd8= 0.26/18 keeps the balance.]
16.Ra3± White leaves nothing to chance now. **16...Rd8 17.Qf1! Qg6 18.Kh2 Bb7** 1.78/19
[18...Qxc2? 19.e4 dxe4 *(19...Nxd4? is the wrong capture. 20.Rf2+-)* 20.Rf2+-]
[18...Qh5± 1.28/16]



19.Ne2!+- Qh5 20.e4 Nb4 3.45/19
[20...Nxe5 2.25/18 keeps fighting. 21.dxe5 Qxe5]
21.Bf3 Qg5



22.Rf6!! Pin **22...Qh4**
[22...Qxf6 23.exf6]

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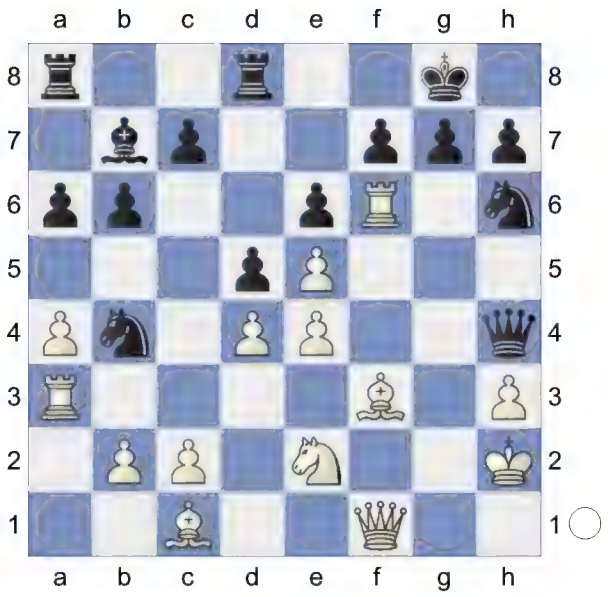

23.Bxh6! g6
[23...dxe4 24.Qg1]
24.Qc1 dxe4? 6.04/18
[24...Qf2+ 2.97/18 25.Bg2 Qxe2]
25.Bg2 Bh6-g5 is the strong threat.
25...e3 26.Bxb7 Qxh6 27.Bxa8 Rxa8 28.Rf1 c5 29.Qxe3 Qxe3 30.Rxe3 Nxc2 31.Rc3 Nb4 32.dxc5 bxc5 33.Rxc5 Ra7 34.Nf4 Kg7 35.h4 h6 36.a5 Rb7 37.Rf2 Rb8 38.Rc7 Kg8 39.Rd2 g5 40.hxg5 hxg5 41.Rg2 Kf8 42.Rxg5 Na2 43.Rg2 White threatens Nf4-h5 and mate. **43...Rb4 44.Rc8+ Ke7**

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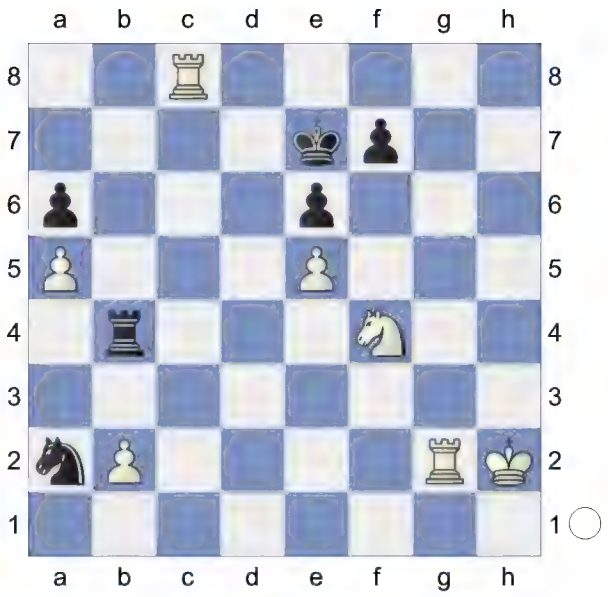


45.Rgc2! Rb7
[45...Nc3 46.R2xc3]
46.Nh5 f6 47.Nxf6 Kf7 48.Rg8 Nc3 49.Rcg2 Rxb2 50.Rxb2 Nb5 51.Rbg2 Na3 52.R2g7#
Weighted Error Value: White=0.24 (precise) /Black=0.55
1-0

7 **A02**
□ **Stockfishdev-20240413-c55ae37**
■ **Rubichess20240420** **3531**
TCEC 26 Premier 2024 (10.1) 25.04.2024
[Kitty Kat]

A02: Bird's Opening
1.f4 g5
[1...b5 2.e4 *(2.Nf3 Bb7 3.e3 a6 4.b3 Nf6 5.Bb2 d5 6.Be2 Nbd7 7.0-0 c5 8.Ne5 Qc7 9.d3 Qb6 10.Nd2 Rc8 11.Qe1 c4 12.Bd4 Qc7 13.bxc4 dxc4 14.dxc4 b4 15.a3 e6 16.axb4 Bxb4* 1-0 (36) Mueller,G-Rohrbacher,W Baden-chS nestor 2001 (3) *)* 2...Bb7 3.d3 c5 4.Nf3 e6 5.g3 d5 6.Qe2 Be7 7.Bg2 Nf6 8.0-0 0-0 9.e5 Nfd7 10.Be3 Nc6

11.Nbd2 Qc7 12.c3 Nb6 13.d4 c4 14.Qd1 b4 15.Qc2 Bc8 16.Ng5 0-1 (67) Arnold,L (2350)-Sutter,O (2285) Zuerich op-A 18th 1994]

2.fxg5 d5N

[2...h6 3.g6 fxg6 4.e4 Nc6 5.Nf3 Bg7 6.d4 d6 7.c3 Bg4 8.Qb3 Rb8 9.Bd3 e5 10.0-0 Nf6 11.Be3 10 9.Qe2 16.Nbd2]

[2...Bg7 3.Nf3 d6 4.Nc3 Nd7 5.b3 c6 6.Bb2 h6 7.Na4 Bxb2 8.Nxb2 hxg5 9.Nxg5 Ne5 10.d4 Ng4 11.h3 Rh5 12.Nf3 N8f6 13.Qd2 Ne4 14.Qf4 Qa5+ 15.Nd2 d5 16.0-0-0 Nc3 17.a4 (18) Chapter-Games Chapter 1 (3)]

3.d4 Bg7 4.c4 c5 5.cxd5 Qxd5 6.Nf3 cxd4 7.e3 Bg4 8.Nc3 White is better.

[8.exd4 Qe4+ 9.Kf2 Nc6=]

8...Bxf3 9.Nxd5 Bxd1 10.Kxd1 Kd8 Prevents Nd5-c7 **11.Be2 e6 12.Nf4 Ne7 13.Nh5 Be5 14.exd4**

[14.Rf1 is interesting. dxe3 15.Rxf7 Ke8 16.Rf3]

14...Bxd4 15.Rf1 Ke8 16.a4 Nbc6 17.Ra3 Be5 0.94/19

[17...Nf5± 0.55/18]

18.Nf6+± Bxf6 19.Rxf6 Nd5 20.Rh6 Rd8 21.Bd2 Kf8 22.Ke1 Kg7 23.Rah3 Ne5 24.R6h4 Rd7 25.Re4 Nc6 26.b3 Nce7 27.Bb5 Rc7 28.Bc4 Threatens to win with Bd2-c1. **28...Ng6 29.Rf3 Rhc8 30.h4 Nge7 31.h5 Kg8 32.Kf2 Rd7 33.Bd3 Rcd8 34.Be2 Nf5 35.h6 a6 36.Ba5 b6 37.Be1 b5 38.Kg1 Rc7 39.Ba5**

[39.axb5 Rc1±]

39...Rc1+ 40.Kh2 Rf8 41.axb5 Nd6 1.52/22

[⌓41...axb5 1.13/22 42.Rd3 *(42.Bxb5 Rc5∓)* 42...Ra8]

42.Ra4 axb5 43.Rd4 Rc5 44.Be1 White is more active. **44...Nf5** Dodges Be1-g3 **45.Re4 Rfc8 46.Rd3 Nfe7 47.Bf3 b4 48.Bg4**

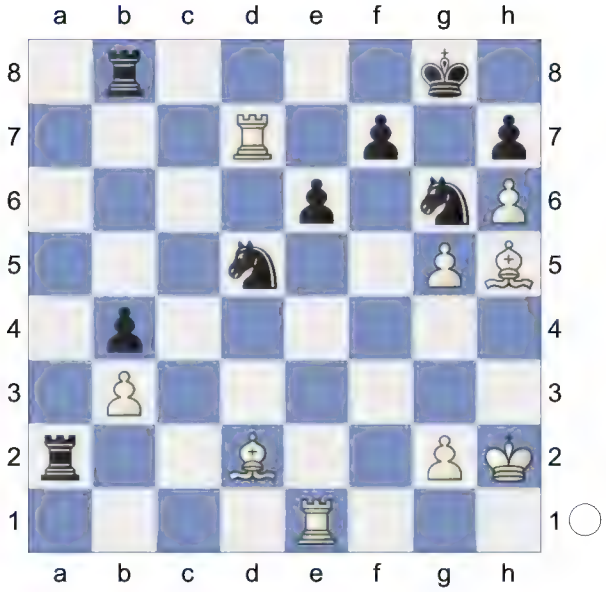
[48.Bxb4?! Nxb4 49.Rxb4 Rxg5=]

48...Ng6 49.Bd2

[49.Bxb4?! Nxb4 50.Rxb4 Rxg5=]

[49.Rxe6?! Ndf4 50.Rxg6+ hxg6±]

49...Rb8 50.Re1 Ra5 51.Bf3 Nc3 52.Rd7 Ra2 53.Bh5 This pair of bishops is nice. **53...Nd5**



54.Bc1 Nb6 1.65/21

[54...Rc8± 1.23/21 was worth a try.]

55.Rd2+- Ra1 2.00/23

[55...Ra5± 1.48/20]

56.Rd3 Rb1 57.Bf3 Prevents Nb6-d5.

57...Nd5 58.Be4 Nge7 2.58/24

[⌓58...Nde7 1.97/20 59.Red1 Rf8]

59.Rf3

[59.Rxd5?! Rxc1 60.Rxc1 Nxd5+-]

59...Ra1

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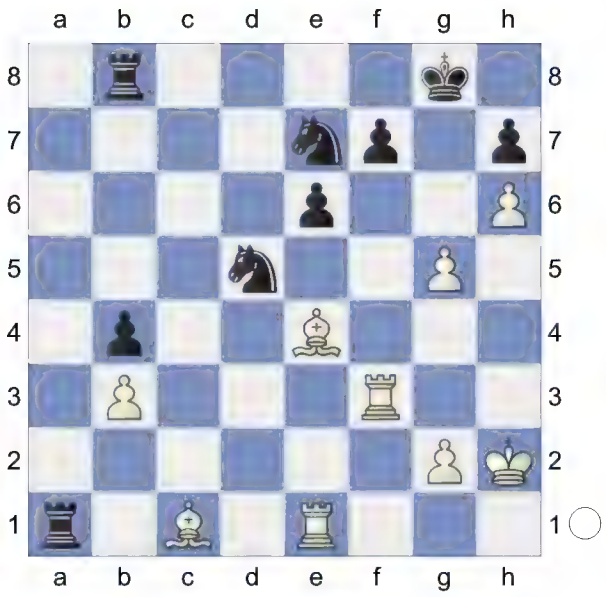
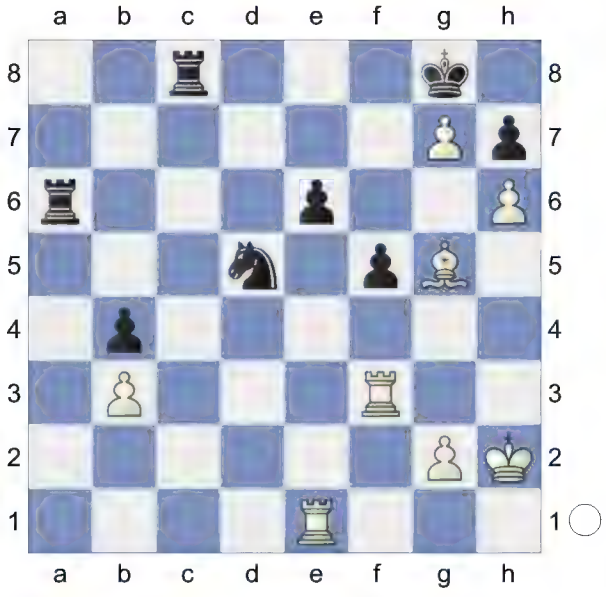


60.Ref1! Rf8 61.g6 f5
[61...hxg6? too greedy. 62.Bb2 Nf5 63.Rxa1+-]
62.g7 Rc8 63.Bxd5 Nxd5 64.Bg5↑ Keeping Black busy. **64...Ra2 65.Re1 Ra6**
[But not 65...Rcc2? 66.Rxf5 Rxg2+ 67.Kh1+-]



66.g4! fxg4
[66...f4 67.Rf2]
67.Rf2 Ra3? 6.41/24
[67...g3+ 2.68/24 68.Kxg3 Re8]
68.Rxe6 Rxb3 Hoping for ...g4-g3+. **69.Rfe2 Nc7** Dodges Re6-e8+ **70.Re7 Rc3 71.Bf4 Ra3 72.Rxc7 Rd8 73.Bg5 Rb8 74.Re5 Rh3+ 75.Kg2 Rd3 76.Rce7 Rdd8 77.Rf5 Rbc8 78.Ref7 Rc2+ 79.Kg3** White wants to mate with Rf7-f8+. **79...Rd3+ 80.Kxg4 Rg2+ 81.Kf4 Rd4+ 82.Kf3** White mates. **82...Rg3+ 83.Kxg3 Rd3+ 84.Kg2 Rd8 85.Bxd8 b3 86.Rf8#**
Weighted Error Value: White=0.03 (flawless) /Black=0.10 (very precise)
1-0

8 **A02**
□ **Rubichess20240420** **3531**
■ **Stockfishdev-20240413-c55ae37**
TCEC 26 Premier 2024 (3.1) 22.04.2024
[Kitty Kat]

A02: Bird's Opening
1.f4 g5
[1...b5 2.e4 *(2.Nf3 Bb7 3.e3 a6 4.b3 Nf6 5.Bb2 d5 6.Be2 Nbd7 7.0-0 c5 8.Ne5 Qc7 9.d3 Qb6 10.Nd2 Rc8 11.Qe1 c4 12.Bd4 Qc7 13.bxc4 dxc4 14.dxc4 b4 15.a3 e6 16.axb4 Bxb4* 1-0 (36) Mueller,G-Rohrbacher,W Baden-chS nestor 2001 (3)) 2...Bb7 3.d3 c5 4.Nf3 e6 5.g3 d5 6.Qe2 Be7 7.Bg2 Nf6 8.0-0 0-0 9.e5 Nfd7 10.Be3 Nc6 11.Nbd2 Qc7 12.c3 Nb6 13.d4 c4 14.Qd1 b4 15.Qc2 Bc8 16.Ng5 0-1 (67) Arnold,L (2350)-Sutter,O (2285) Zuerich op-A 18th 1994]
2.fxg5 d5N
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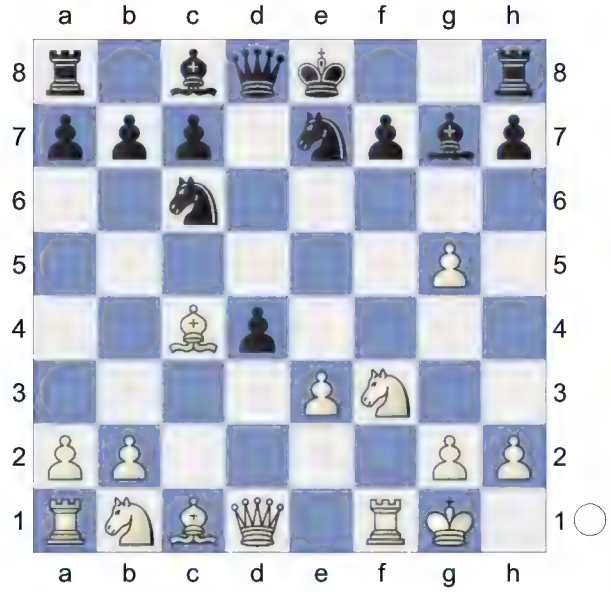
[2...Bg7 3.Nf3 d6 4.Nc3 Nd7 5.b3

c6 6.Bb2 h6 7.Na4 Bxb2 8.Nxb2 hxg5 9.Nxg5 Ne5 10.d4 Ng4 11.h3 Rh5 12.Nf3 N8f6 13.Qd2 Ne4 14.Qf4 Qa5+ 15.Nd2 d5 16.0-0-0 Nc3 17.a4 (18) Chapter-Games Chapter 1 (3)]

3.d4 Bg7 4.Nf3 Nc6 5.c4 dxc4 6.e3 e5 7.Bxc4 exd4 8.0-0 White is better. **8...Nge7**



9.Nxd4! Ne5

10.Nc3! 0-0 11.Be2 White is more active. **11...c5 12.Nf3 Bf5** Wards off Nc3-e4 **13.Nd2** 0.56/18

[13.Nxe5± 0.92/20 Bxe5 14.Nd5 Nxd5 15.Rxf5]

13...Bg6± 14.Nde4 Nd5! Prevents Ne4-f6+ **15.Qxd5 Qxd5** Remove Defender **16.Nxd5 Bxe4 17.Ne7+ Kh8 18.Nf5 Bxf5 19.Rxf5 Rad8** Prevents Bc1-d2 **20.a4 c4 21.Ra3 Rfe8 22.Rc3 Nd3 23.Rxc4 Nxc1 24.Rxc1 Rxe3 25.Rc2 Rf8 26.Rd2 Re5 27.Rxe5 Bxe5±** Endgame KRB-KRB. White is a pawn up. **28.b3 Rg8 29.Rd7 Rxg5 30.Bc4 a5 31.Bxf7 b6 32.g3 h5 33.Kh1 h4 34.gxh4 Rg4 35.h5 Rh4 36.Kg2 Rxh2+ 37.Kf3 Rh4 38.Bg6 Rf4+ 39.Ke2 Rf6 40.Ke3 Bf4+ 41.Kf3 Kg8 42.Ke4 Kh8 43.Bh7 Bc1 44.Bg6** -0.01/24

[44.Ra7± 0.54/24]

44...Bf4!= 45.Kd5 Kg8 46.Kc4 Rd6 47.Re7 Bg5 48.Rh7 Be3 49.Kb5 Bf2 50.Rf7 Bc5 51.Rc7 Be3 52.Rh7 -0.01/24

[52.Rb7± 0.43/25]

52...Bc5 0.43/27

[52...Bf2!= -0.01/24]

53.Ka6 Bd4 54.Rc7 Rf6 55.Bh7+ Kh8 56.Rd7 Bc5 57.Bg6 Kg8 58.Kb5 Kh8 59.Rh7+ Kg8 60.Ra7 Be3 61.Rc7 0.01/24

[61.Be4± 0.44/25 is superior.]

61...Bc5 0.43/25

[61...Rd6!= 0.01/24]

62.Bd3 Be3 63.Bg6 -0.01/37

[63.Be4± 0.43/24]

63...Bf2 0.44/23

[63...Bc5= -0.01/37]

64.Bb1 Bc5? 2.27/25

[64...Be3± 0.46/21]

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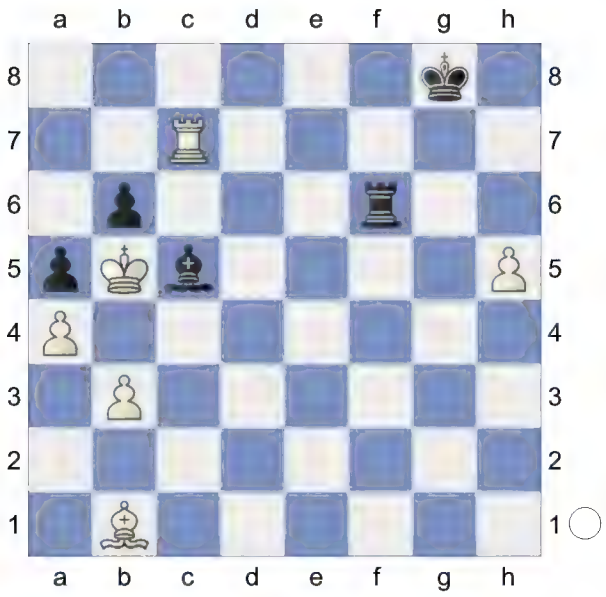
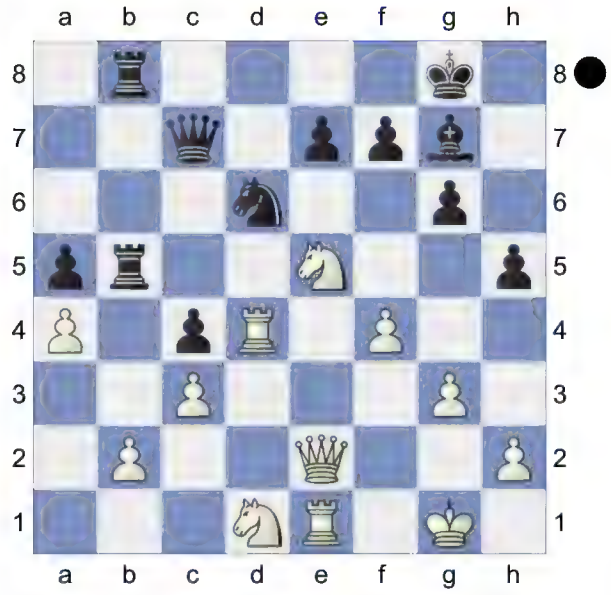


65.Bh7+? 0.48/26
[White has to play 65.Rxc5!+- 2.27/25 bxc5 66.Kxa5]
65...Kh8 66.Bc2 And now Rc7xc5 would win. **66...Be3 67.Rd7 Bc5 68.Rh7+ Kg8 69.Rc7 Be3 70.Be4 Rd6 71.Bc6 Rf6 72.Be4** -0.01/21
[72.Ka6± 0.46/22]
72...Rd6! 73.Bg6
Weighted Error Value: White=0.06 (flawless) /Black=0.03 (flawless)
½-½

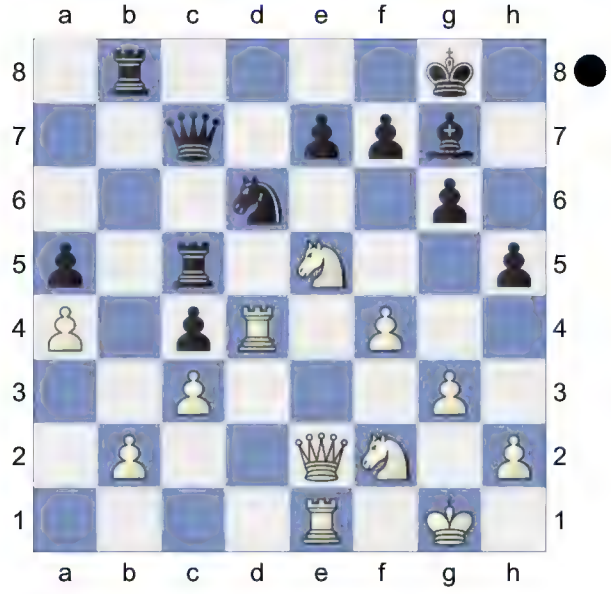
9 **A03**
□ **Nepomniachtchi,I** **2753**
■ **Moroni,L** **2555**
Titled Tue 11th Mar Late blitz (11)
[Kitty Kat]

A03: Bird's Opening with 1...d5
Lukacs,Peter, MH: 'A03: Bird's Opening with 1...d5' **1.f4 d5 2.Nf3 g6 3.g3 Bg7 4.Bg2 c6 5.Nc3**
[5.0-0 Bg4 6.Ne5 h5 7.h3 Be6 8.d3 Nh6 9.Qe1 Nd7 10.Nf3 Qb6+ 11.Kh1 d4 12.Nbd2 Nf5 13.Ne4 Bd5 14.c4 dxc3 15.bxc3 Nc5 16.Nh4 Nxh4 17.gxh4 Nxe4 18.dxe4 Bc4 19.Ba3 Qa5 1-0 (51) Aronian,L (2752)-Topalov,V (2801) Amber Blindfold rapid 2006 (2)]
5...Nh6N
[5...d4 6.Ne4 Nf6 7.Nf2 c5 8.0-0 Nc6 9.e4 dxe3 10.dxe3 Qxd1 11.Rxd1 0-0 12.c3 e5 13.Ng5 c4 14.h3 Re8 15.Bd2 h6 16.Nf3 Be6 17.e4 Nd7 18.Be3 Bf8 19.Nh4 exf4 20.gxf4 0-1 (57) Malaniuk,V (2600)-Gelfand,B (2675) Presidents Cup 1998 (1.1)]
[5...Qb6 6.d4 *(6.d3 Nh6 7.e4 dxe4 8.dxe4 Na6 9.Qe2 Bd7 10.a3 0-0-0 11.e5 Bg4 12.Qe3 c5 13.0-0 f6 14.Qe4 Kb8 15.Kh1 Nf5 16.b4 cxb4 17.axb4 Qxb4 18.Qe1 Qc4 19.Rb1 Nb4 20.Nb5 Nd5* ½-½ (48) Dubois,L (2457)-Artemiev,V (2424) 13/718 Cienfuegos 1972 (1)*)* 6...Nd7 7.0-0 Nh6 8.e3 0-0 9.b3 Nf5 10.a4 Nf6 11.Ne5 h5 12.a5 Qc7 13.Re1 Nd6 14.Ba3 Bf5 15.h3 Qc8 16.Kh2 Re8 17.Na4 Nfe4 18.Qe2 f6 19.Nd3 Nf7 20.Nac5 ½-½ (90) Stremavicius,T (2202)-Labeckas,K (2354) ch-LTU 2013 Vilnius LTU (3.4)]
6.0-0 Nf5 7.e4 dxe4 8.Nxe4 The position is equal. **8...0-0 9.c3 Nd7 10.d4 Nf6 11.Nc5 b6 12.Nd3 Bb7 13.Nfe5 Qc7 14.Qf3 Rac8 15.Bd2** -0.48/20
[15.b4= 0.14/19]
15...Ba8 16.Qf2 c5 17.Bxa8 Rxa8 18.dxc5 Ne4 19.Qe2 Nxd2 20.Qxd2 bxc5 21.Rae1 -0.77/21
[21.Nc4∓ -0.41/20 should be considered.]
21...c4∓ 22.Nf2 Rab8 23.Re4 Nd6 24.Rd4 -1.48/22
[⌓24.Re2 -1.10/20]
24...Rb5 25.Re1 -1.66/22

[25.Rd5∓ -1.29/22]
25...Rfb8-+ 26.Nd1 h5 -0.61/21
[26...f6∓ -1.52/22 27.Rxd6 exd6]
27.Qe2 -1.85/20
[27.a4!∓ -0.61/21 Rb3 28.Rd5]
27...a5 -1.02/21
[27...Ra5!-+ -1.85/20 28.a3 Rbb5]
28.a4∓

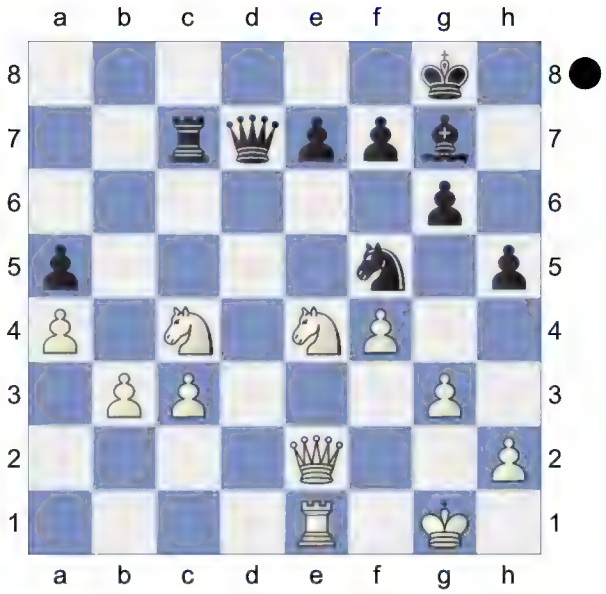


Rc5 29.Nf2 -1.36/22
[29.Qf2 -0.86/21]



29...Nf5 -0.01/23
[29...Bxe5!∓ -1.36/22 30.fxe5 Nf5]

30.Rd2 -1.20/22
[30.Rxc4= -0.01/23 Bxe5 31.Rxc5 Qxc5 32.Qxe5 Qxe5 33.Rxe5 Rxb2 34.Ne4]
30...Rd8 0.01/24
[30...Bxe5∓ -1.20/22 31.fxe5 Rd8]
31.Rxd8+= Qxd8 32.Nxc4 Qd7 33.Ne4 Rc7 34.b3 -0.59/23
[34.Rd1= 0.10/22 Qxa4 35.Rd8+ Bf8 36.Ne5]

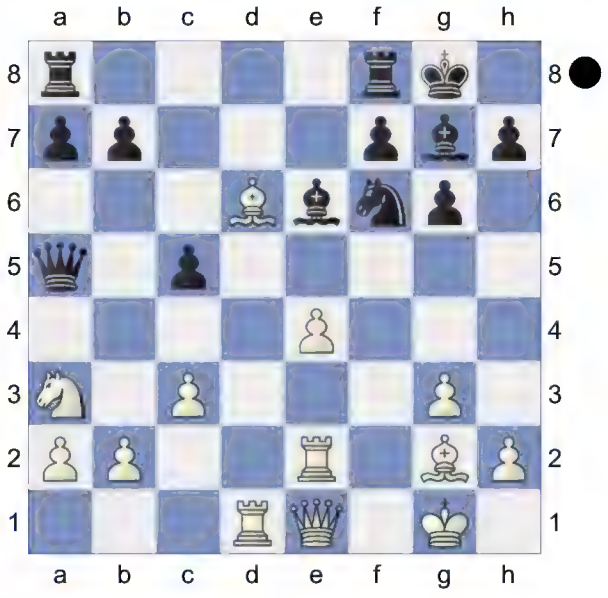


34...Bxc3!∓ Decoy **35.Rd1 Bd4+! 36.Kg2! Qd5 37.Qf3 Kg7** Repels Ne4-f6. and ...Rc7xc4 should not be overlooked **38.Rd3** -0.63/22
[38.Ng5= -0.25/23 Qc5 39.Kh3]
38...Rb7? 1.03/24
[38...Rxc4∓ -0.63/22 keeps the upper hand. 39.bxc4 Qxc4]
39.Ned2 0.67/23 Excellent horsemanship.
[White should play 39.Ng5± 1.03/24 Qxf3+ 40.Nxf3]
39...Qxf3+ 40.Nxf3 Bb6 41.Nfe5 White is more active. **41...f6** 1.71/25
[41...h4± 1.29/22 was worth a try. 42.Kh3 hxg3]
42.Nc6+- e6 2.66/23

[⌓42...Nd6 1.67/22]
43.N6xa5
[Weaker is 43.N4xa5 Rc7±]
43...Bxa5 44.Nxa5 Endgame KRN-KRN. White is a pawn up. **44...Rb4** 4.10/23
[44...Rc7 2.09/22 45.Nc4 g5]
45.Nc4 e5 46.fxe5 fxe5 47.Nxe5 h4 48.Nc4 hxg3 49.hxg3 Kf6 50.a5 Rb7 51.g4 Ne7 52.a6 Ra7 53.Rd6+ Kg5 54.b4 Kxg4 55.b5 aiming for Nc4-e5+. **55...Nf5 56.Rxg6+ Kf4 57.Kf2 Rc7?** 12.83/21
[57...Nd4 3.44/20 58.Nd6 *(58.Rf6+ Ke4+-)* 58...Ra8]
58.Rc6 White is clearly winning. **58...Rh7 59.Ke1** 5.25/20
[⌓59.b6 11.28/20]
59...Rh2 60.a7 Ra2 61.Ra6 Never resign too early!
Weighted Error Value: White=0.26 (precise) /Black=0.37
1-0

10 **A03**
□ **Carlsen,Magnus** **2830**
■ **Bluebaum,Matthias** **2649**
Titled Tue 9th Apr Late blitz (10) 9.4.24
[Kitty Kat]

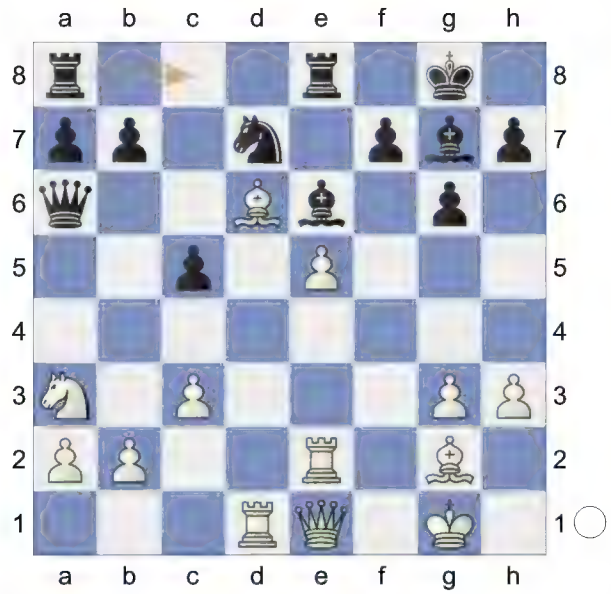
A03: Bird's Opening with 1...d5
Psakhis,Lev, MH: 'A03: Bird's Opening with 1...d5' **1.f4 d5 2.Nf3 Nf6 3.g3 g6 4.Bg2 Bg7 5.0-0 0-0 6.d3 c5 7.Qe1 Nc6 8.e4 dxe4 9.dxe4 Nd4** 0.26/20
[Black should try 9...e5∓ -0.40/17 10.Nc3 Be6 11.f5 Bc4 12.Rf2 Qb6 13.b3 Ba6 14.Bg5 Nd4 15.Nxe5 Rae8 16.Bxf6 Qxf6 17.Nd7 Ne2+ 18.Nxe2 Qxa1 19.Qxa1 Bxa1 20.c4 b5 21.Nxf8 Kxf8 22.fxg6 hxg6 23.e5 bxc4 24.Bd5 Re7 0-1 (53) Dzhumaev, M (2507)-Sadvakasov,D (2523) Asiach 4th Doha 2003 (7)]
10.Na3N -0.14/21
[10.Nxd4 0.26/20 cxd4 11.e5 Nd5 12.Qf2 Ne3 13.Bxe3 dxe3 14.Qxe3 Qc7 15.Nc3 Be6 16.Rfd1 Rfd8 17.Rxd8+ Rxd8 18.Qxa7 Rd2 19.Rc1 Bf5 20.Qe3 Rxc2 21.Rxc2 Bxc2 22.Nd5 Qa5 23.Qc3 Qxc3 24.Nxc3 f6 25.exf6 Bxf6 26.Bxb7 0-1 (96) Lauferon,P (2379)-What To Look For (2236) (ol) 50/217 Novi Sad 1990 (5) Bd4+ 27.Kg2 Kg7 28.Kf3 Bd3 29.Be4 Bc4 30.a3 Kf6 31.h4 e5 32.fxe5+ Kxe5 33.Bc2 Bf7 34.Nd1 h6 35.Ne3 g5 36.hxg5 hxg5 37.b4 Bh5+ 38.g4 Be8 39.Bd3 Bc6+ 40.Ke2 Kf4 41.Nc2 0-1 (96) Kushko,D (2379)-Suder,J (2236) Titled Tuesday intern op 18th Apr Late blitz 2023 (5)]
10...Nxf3+= The position is equal. **11.Rxf3 Qd4+ 12.Re3 e5 13.c3 Qd8 14.Re2 exf4 15.Bxf4** Re2-d2 poses a challenge **15...Be6! 16.Rd1 Qa5 17.Bd6**



Rfe8 18.h3 -0.01/19 Inhibits Be6-g4.
[18.e5± 0.36/20 Bg4 19.Rf2

(19.Nc4 Qa6∓)]

18...Nd7 19.e5 Qa6



20.c4! Rac8 21.Kh2 Nb8 22.Bxb8 -0.35/20

[22.Nb5? Bxc4 23.a4 *(23.Nc7? Rxc7 24.Bxc7 Bxe2-+)* 23...Bxe2 *(23...Qxa4? 24.Nc3-+; 23...Bxb5 24.axb5 Qxb5 25.e6=)* 24.Qxe2 Nc6-+ *(24...Qxa4 25.Bxb7 Bxe5 26.Bxe5-+; 24...Nd7? 25.Rd5-+)*]

[22.Re3= 0.03/17]

22...Rxb8∓ 23.Nb5 Bxc4 24.Nc7 Qb6 -0.01/22

[24...Qxa2∓ -0.50/20 is more appropriate. 25.Ra1 Qb3]

25.Nxe8= Bxe2 26.Rd6 Qb4

[26...Qxb2? 27.Nxg7 *(27.Rd2 Qc3±)* 27...Kxg7 28.Rd2 Qxe5 29.Rxe2+-]

27.Qxe2 0.01/20

[27.Qxb4 cxb4 28.Nxg7 Kxg7∓]

[White should try 27.Nf6+± 0.61/24 Bxf6 28.Qxe2]

27...Rxe8 28.e6 fxe6

[28...Bxb2 29.exf7+ Kxf7 30.Rd7+ Kf6 31.Qxe8 Kg5 32.Qe3+ *(32.Rxb7 Qxb7 33.Bxb7 Kf6+-)* 32...Kf5 33.g4+ *(33.Bxb7 Be5+-)*]

29.Rxe6 Rf8 30.b3 Qd4 31.Re7 h5 32.Bf3

[32.Qe4 simplifies Qxe4 33.Bxe4 Rf2+ 34.Kh1]

32...h4 33.Kg2 hxg3 34.Rxb7

[34.Qc4+ Kh7 35.Qxd4 cxd4 36.Rxb7 a6 37.Ra7]

34...Qf2+ 35.Qxf2 gxf2 36.Kxf2 Endgame KRB-KRB

[36.Rxa7? Rxf3 37.Ra8+ Kh7-+]

[36.Bd5+ looks sharper. Kh8 37.Rf7 Rd8 38.Bc4]

36...Rf7 37.Rb8+ Kh7 38.Rc8 Bd4+ 39.Kg3 Kg7 40.Bd5 Threatens to win with Bd5-c4!. **40...Be5+ 41.Kg2 Rd7 42.Rxc5 Bd4 43.Ra5 Bb6 44.Rb5 Rc7 45.Be4 Re7 46.Rb4 Kf6 47.Kf3 g5 48.Rc4 Ke5 49.Kg4 Kf6 50.a4 Be3 51.b4 Ke5 52.Bf3 Bf4** 1.43/21

[52...Bd2± 0.43/20]

53.h4± White is more active. **53...gxh4?** 5.70/21 This costs Black the game.

[53...Rg7± 1.36/19]

54.Re4++-

[54.Rxf4? too greedy. Rg7+ 55.Kh3 Kxf4-+]

54...Kd6 55.Rxe7 Kxe7 56.Kxf4 KB-KPP **56...Kd6 57.Ke4 h3 58.Kd4 h2 59.b5 Kc7 60.Kc5 a5 61.Bh1 Kb8 62.Kb6** 10.88/5

[⌓62.b6 #7/16 Kc8 63.Kd6 *(63.Kb5 Kd7 64.b7 Ke6 65.b8Q Kf6 66.Qf4+ Kg6 67.Kxa5 Kg7)* 63...Kd8 64.b7 Ke8 65.Ke6 *(65.b8B Kf7+-)* 65...Kf8 66.Kf6 *(66.b8B Kg7+-)* 66...Kg8 67.Be4 Kh8 68.b8Q#]

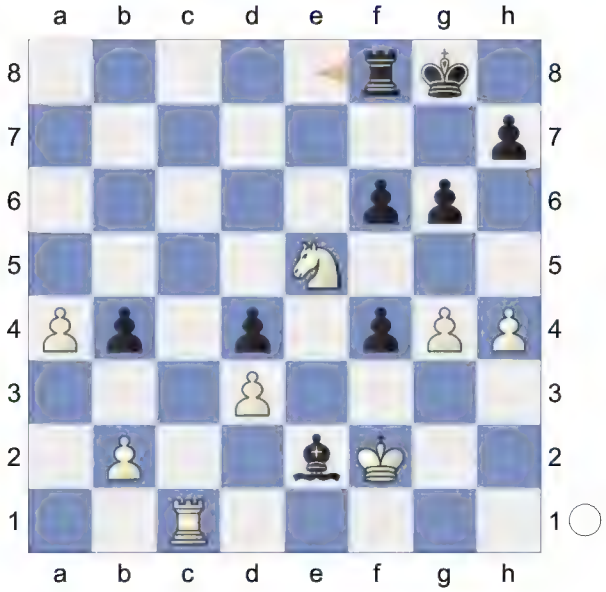
62...Kc8 63.Kxa5 KB-KP **63...Kc7 64.b6+ Kb8 65.Kb5** White threatens Kb5-c6 and mate. **65...Kc8 66.a5 Kb8 67.a6 Kc8 68.a7** White mates. **68...Kd7 69.a8Q Kd6 70.Qd5+ Ke7 71.b7 Kf6 72.b8Q Kg6 73.Qg3+ Kh7 74.Qh5#**

Weighted Error Value: White=0.08

(flawless) /Black=0.55
1-0

11 **A03**
□ **Carlsen,Magnus** **2839**
■ **Nepomniachtchi,Ian** **2771**
Speed Chess Chess.com INT blitz (2.5)
[Kitty Kat]

A03: Bird's Opening with 1...d5
1.f4 d5 2.Nf3 Nf6 3.g3 e6 4.Bg2 Be7 5.0-0 b5 6.d3 Bb7 7.Qe1 c5 8.c3 Black is slightly better. **8...0-0** is more profitable than 8...Nc6 at the moment. scheint profitabler als 8...Sc6.
9.a4 b4 10.cxb4 cxb4 11.Kh1 Nc6N
[11...Bc5 12.Nbd2 a5 13.Nb3 Bb6 ⩲10) 1.f4,1-1.f4 d5 2.Nf3 Nf6 3.g3 #4]
12.Be3 Inhibits Qb6. **12...Nd7 13.Nbd2 Bf6N 14.Rb1 Re8 15.Nb3 a5 16.g4 g6 17.Qf2 Bg7 18.Nbd4 Nxd4 19.Bxd4 Rc8 20.Rbc1 Bxd4**
[20...Bf8 feels hotter. 21.h4 Bd6 22.Ne5 Rxc1 23.Rxc1 Nxe5 24.Bxe5 b3]
21.Nxd4 Rxc1 22.Rxc1 Qb6 23.Rf1 -0.52/21
[23.b3= -0.11/20]
23...f6 0.01/19
[23...Rc8 -0.01/21 23...b3 -0.58 ½-½ Kiriakov,P (2385)-Mesropov,K (2370) Voskresensk2 1993 24.f5 *(24.h4)* 24...gxf5 25.gxf5 *(25.Bh3)* 25...e5 26.f6! Qxd4 27.Qf5! Rd8 Hoping for ...Kh8. 28.Qg5+ Kf8 aiming for ...Ke8. 29.Bh3! Ke8 -0.45/22 *(29...Qe3; 29...Qe3=* 0.01/23 *30.Qxe3 d4+ 31.Qf3 Bxf3+ 32.Rxf3 Nb6)* 30.Be6!∓ White threatens Qg8+ and mate. Nf8 31.Bxf7+! Kd7]
[23...b3∓ -0.52/21]
24.h4= Rf8 0.30/19
[⌓24...b3 -0.01/18]
25.Kg1 e5
[25...Rc8 26.g5]
26.Nb3 And now Qxb6 would win.
26...Qxf2+ 1.16/24
[26...Ba8 27.Rc1 e4]
[26...Ba8± 0.42/20]
27.Kxf2± exf4
[27...Ra8? 28.Rc1 Nb6 29.Rc7+-]
28.Nxa5 Ba8 29.Rc1 0.76/19
[⌓29.Nb3 1.26/20]
29...Ne5 1.70/21
[29...g5± 0.76/19]
30.Bf3+- d4 ...Bxf3 is the strong threat.
31.Nc4 Strongly threatening Nxe5.
[Vorgänger: 31.Nc6 Threatens to win with Nxe5. Bxc6 1.79/24 *(31...Nxf3±* 1.26/23 was called for. *32.exf3 Bxc6)* 32.Bxc6+- Nxg4+ 33.Kf3 Ne5+ 34.Kxf4]
31...Bxf3 2.10/21
[31...Nxf3± 1.53/21 32.exf3 Rc8]
32.Nxe5 Bxe2± Endgame



KRB-KRN **33.Nd7! Rf7**

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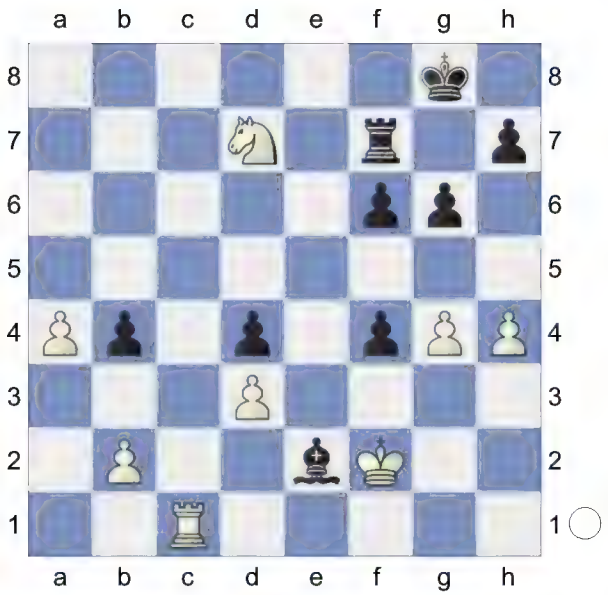

34.Nxf6+ Rxf6 35.Kxe2+- KR-KR
35...Re6+ 36.Kf2 Kf7 37.a5 g5 3.52/25
[⌓37...Ra6 2.45/20 38.Rc5 Ke6]
38.hxg5 Kg6 39.Rc5 White is clearly winning. **39...f3 40.Kxf3 Re3+** 7.85/26
[⌓40...Re1 4.32/23 41.Rb5 Ra1]
41.Kf4 Rxd3 42.a6 White wants to mate with a7. **42...Rd1 43.Ra5 d3 44.Ke3**
Weighted Error Value: White=0.10 (very precise) /Black=0.28 (precise)
1-0

12 **A02**
□ **Nakamura,Hikaru** **2780**
■ **Yu Yangyi** **2720**
chess.com SpeedChess 2023 (1.25)
[Kitty Kat]

A03: Bird's Opening with 1...d5
1.f4 Nf6 2.Nf3 d5 3.d3 Nc6
[3...g6 4.Nbd2 Ng4 5.Nb3 Bg7 6.c3 h5 7.Qc2 Nc6 8.e4 b6 9.h3 Nh6 10.Be3 Bb7 11.0-0-0 Qd7 12.g3 0-0-0 13.Bg2 Kb8 14.Rhe1 e6 15.Bf2 f6 16.d4 Ne7 17.Nbd2 Nf7 18.c4 0-1 (71) Wastfelt,T (2676)-Skalusevic,L (2686) NAPZ-ch1 fin email 2001]
[3...c5 4.g3 Nc6 5.Bg2 e6 6.0-0 Be7 7.Nc3 d4 8.Ne4 Qc7 9.Nxf6+ Bxf6 10.Nd2 Be7 11.e4 dxe3 12.Nc4 Rb8 13.Nxe3 0-0 14.Bd2 Bf6 15.Rb1 g6 16.a3 a5 17.Qe1 b6 18.Bc3 ½-½ (44) Kubala,M (1873)-7.♘de2 ♘bd7 8.♗g2 ♗e7 (2004) GBR-ch 103rd 2016 (9.1)]
4.g3N
[4.e3 Bf5 5.Be2 e6 6.0-0 Qd7 7.Ne5 Qd6 8.d4 h6 9.Na3 a6 10.c4 Ne4 11.c5 Qe7 12.Nxc6 bxc6 13.Qe1 g5 14.Bf3 Nf6 15.fxg5 hxg5 16.Nb1 Bh6 17.Nc3 g4 18.Bd1 Qf8 0-1 (22) Morgan,J (1579)-Cole,T (1400) San Francisco Neil Falconer op 2013 (5)]
4...h5 5.h3 e6 6.Nbd2 -1.06/19
[6.Nc3= -0.06/17]
6...Bd6∓ 7.e4 e5 8.f5 -1.44/20
[⌓8.fxe5 -0.71/20 Nxe5 9.exd5]
8...Qe7 -0.24/21
[8...Bxf5∓ -1.44/20 9.exf5 e4 Discovered Attack]
9.c3 -1.07/21
[9.Nh4!= -0.24/21]
9...g6 0.16/20
[9...Bxf5∓ -1.07/21 10.exf5 e4 11.dxe4 Bxg3+ *(11...dxe4 12.Nd4∓)* 12.Ke2 0-0-0 *(12...dxe4 13.Nd4∓; 12...Nxe4 13.Nxe4 Qxe4+ 14.Be3-+)*]
10.fxg6!= fxg6 11.Bg2 Be6 12.Qe2 0-0-0 13.a3 -0.38/19
[13.exd5!± 0.40/19 Bxd5 14.0-0]
13...dxe4∓ 14.dxe4 -0.77/19
[14.Nxe4= -0.23/21 Nxe4 15.dxe4]
14...Kb8 -0.08/19
[14...Nh7!∓ -0.77/19]
15.b4 Qg7 0.51/20
[15...Nh7!∓ -0.38/20]
16.0-0 -0.67/20

[16.Ng5± 0.51/20 Bg8 17.0-0]
16...g5 17.Ne1 Rdf8 -0.21/19
[17...Bxh3!∓ -0.67/18 18.Bxh3 g4]
18.a4? -1.87/19
[18.Nc4= -0.21/19 and White stays safe.]
18...Qd7!-+ 19.Kh2 Ne7 -0.58/20
[19...h4-+ -1.69/21 20.g4 Ne7]
20.Nc4!∓ and Nc4xd6 would now be decisive **20...Ng6?** 1.29/22
[20...h4∓ -0.49/22 keeps the upper hand. 21.g4 Bxc4 22.Qxc4 Nxg4+ 23.hxg4 Qxg4 24.Rxf8+ Rxf8]
21.Bxg5 -0.01/23
[21.Nxd6± 1.29/22 Qxd6 22.Bxg5]
21...Be7= 22.Bxf6
[22.Nf3 Ng4+ 23.Kg1 Rxf3 24.Rxf3 Bxg5 25.hxg4 h4∓ *(25...hxg4 26.Rf5=)*]
22...Bxf6 23.h4 Qe7 24.Na5 -0.94/21
[24.Nf3!= 0.01/22 keeps the balance.]
24...a6 0.50/21
[24...Bxh4∓ -0.94/21 25.gxh4 *(25.Qb5 Bxg3+ 26.Kg1 Rxf1+ 27.Bxf1 Bf2+* Decoy *28.Kxf2 Qf6+ 29.Nf3 Bc8=)* 25...Qxh4+ 26.Kg1 Nf4]
25.b5 -0.42/21
[White should play 25.Nf3± 0.50/21]

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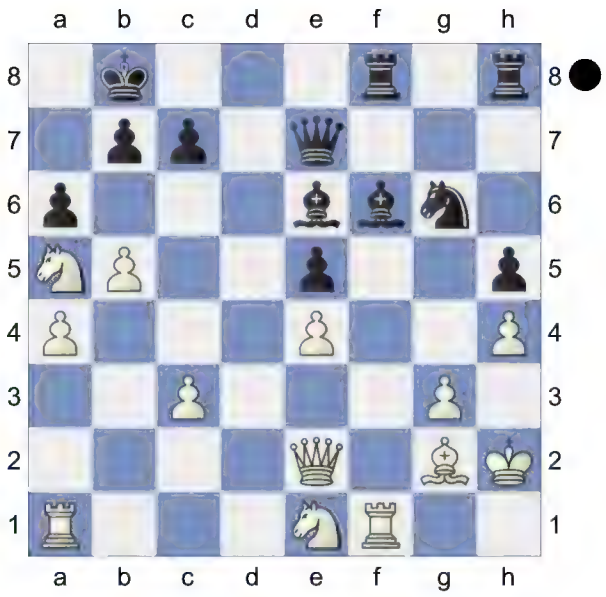

25...Bxh4!∓ 26.gxh4
[26.Rxf8+?! Rxf8 27.gxh4 Qxh4+ 28.Kg1 Nf4=]
26...Qxh4+ 27.Kg1 Rxf1+ -0.01/23
[Better is 27...Bg4!∓ -0.51/22 28.Qe3 Nf4 29.Rxf4 exf4]
28.Qxf1= Nf4
[28...Rf8!? 29.Nf3□ Qxe4+-]
29.bxa6 Rg8 Threatens to win with ... Qh4-h3. **30.Nf3 Qg3** 0.93/25
[30...Rxg2+? 31.Qxg2 Qf6 32.Qb2+-]
[30...Nh3+= -0.01/23 31.Kh1 Nf2+ 32.Kg1 Nh3+]

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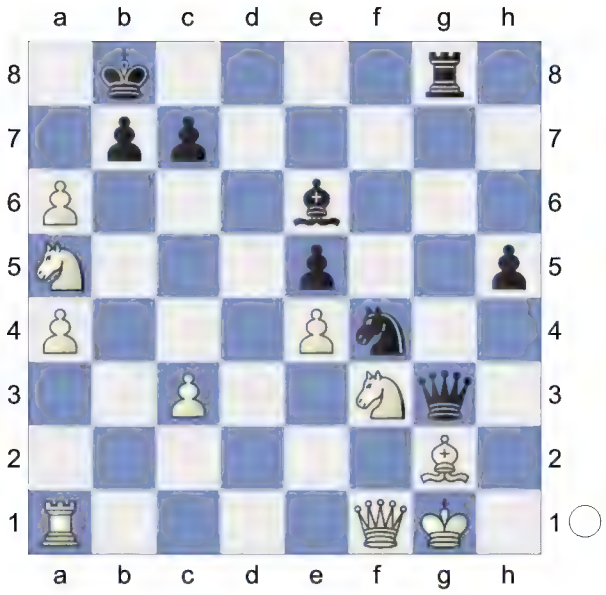
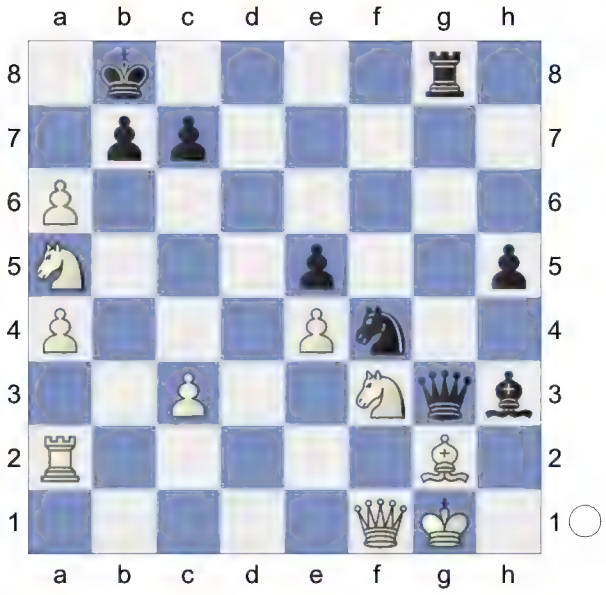


31.Ra2? -5.11/23 **Bh3??** 13.52/20
[31...Bxa2-+ -5.11/23 32.axb7 Qxg2+ 33.Qxg2 Rxg2+ 34.Kf1 Bf7 35.Nc6+ Kxb7 36.Nd8+ Kb6 37.Nxf7 Rc2 38.N7xe5 Rxc3]



32.Qb5!+- b6

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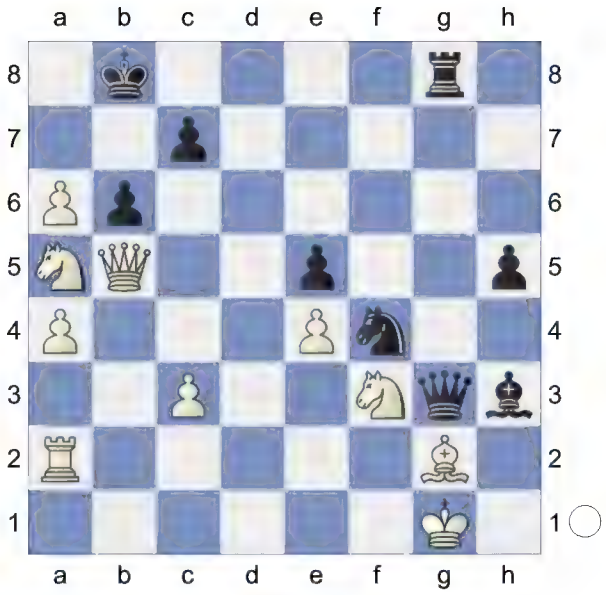

33.Qc6! **Bc8** Prevents Qc6-b7+.
34.a7+! **Kxa7** **35.Qxc7+** **Ka6**
36.Qc4+? 3.89/5
[36.Nxe5? Nh3+ 37.Kf1 Qf4+ *(37...bxa5?* too greedy. *38.Qc6+ Ka7 39.Qc5+ Ka6 40.Qb5+ Ka7 41.Nc6+* Discovered Attack, Double Attack *Ka8 42.Qxa5+ Kb7 43.Nd8+ Rxd8 44.e5++-; 37...Rf8+? 38.Ke2-+)* 38.Ke2 Rxg2+ *(38...bxa5 39.Qc6+ Ka7 40.Qc5+ Ka6 41.Qb5+ Ka7 42.Nc6+* Discovered Attack, Double Attack *Ka8 43.Qxa5+ Kb7 44.Nd8+ Rxd8 45.e5+)* 39.Kd3 Qf1+ *(39...Rxa2 40.Qxc8+ Kxa5 41.Qa8#)* 40.Kd4 Qg1+ *(40...Rxa2 41.Qxc8+ Kxa5 42.Qa8+ Qa6 43.Nc4+ Kxa4 44.Qxa6+ Kb3 45.Qb5+ Kc2 46.Ne3+ Kc1 47.Qf1+ Kb2 48.Nc4+ Kc2 49.Qe2+ Kb3 50.Qd1+ Rc2 51.Qb1+* Skewer *)* 41.Kd5 Nf4+ *(41...Rxa2 42.Qxc8+ Kxa5 43.Qa8#)* 42.Kd6 Rg6+ *(42...Rxa2 43.Qxc8+ Kxa5 44.Qa8#; 42...Qd1+ 43.Ke7-+)* 43.Nxg6 Qxg6+ 44.Ke5 Qg5+ Skewer 45.Kd4 Ne6+ 46.Kd3 Nxc7-+]

[36.Nc4 12.45/21 Qg6 37.Rb2 *(37.Nfxe5 Qh6+-; 37.Ncxe5 Qg7+-)* 37...Ne2+ 38.Rxe2]

36...Ka7 37.Nc6+ Kb7 38.Ne7

Quite a comeback for White.

Weighted Error Value: White=0.70/ Black=0.57

[And not 38.Nfxe5 Be6= *(38...Nxg2 39.Qf7+)*]

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13 **A03**

□ **Nakamura,Hikaru** **2780**

■ **Yu,Yangyi** **2720**

chess.com SpeedChess 2023 (1.25)

[Kitty Kat]

A03: Bird's Opening with 1...d5

1.f4 Nf6 2.Nf3 d5 3.d3 Nc6

[3...g6 4.Nbd2 Ng4 5.Nb3 Bg7 6.c3 h5 7.Qc2 Nc6 8.e4 b6 9.h3 Nh6 10.Be3 Bb7 11.0-0-0 Qd7 12.g3 0-0-0 13.Bg2 Kb8 14.Rhe1 e6 15.Bf2 f6 16.d4 Ne7 17.Nbd2 Nf7 18.c4 0-1 (71) Wastfelt,T (2676)-Skalusevic,L (2686) NAPZ-ch1 fin email 2001]

[3...c5 4.g3 Nc6 5.Bg2 e6 6.0-0 Be7 7.Nc3 d4 8.Ne4 Qc7 9.Nxf6+ Bxf6 10.Nd2 Be7 11.e4 dxe3 12.Nc4 Rb8 13.Nxe3 0-0 14.Bd2 Bf6 15.Rb1 g6 16.a3 a5 17.Qe1 b6 18.Bc3 ½-½ (44) Kubala,M (1873)-7.♘de2 ♘bd7 8.♗g2 ♗e7 (2004) GBR-ch 103rd 2016 (9.1)]

4.g3N

[4.e3 Bf5 5.Be2 e6 6.0-0 Qd7 7.Ne5 Qd6 8.d4 h6 9.Na3 a6 10.c4 Ne4 11.c5 Qe7 12.Nxc6 bxc6 13.Qe1 g5 14.Bf3 Nf6 15.fxg5 hxg5 16.Nb1 Bh6 17.Nc3 g4 18.Bd1 Qf8 0-1 (22) Morgan,J (1579)-Cole,T (1400) San Francisco Neil Falconer op 2013 (5)]

4...h5 5.h3 e6 6.Nbd2 -0.96/20

[6.Bg2= -0.09/19]

6...Bd6∓ 7.e4 e5 8.f5 -1.54/20

[8.fxe5 -0.78/20 Nxe5 9.exd5]

8...Qe7 -0.24/20

[8...Bxf5∓ -1.54/20 9.Qe2 *(9.exf5? e4∓)* 9...Be6]

9.c3 -1.14/21

[9.Nh4!= -0.24/20]

9...g6? 0.45/19

[9...dxe4∓ -1.14/21 10.dxe4 Bxf5]

10.fxg6!± fxg6 11.Bg2 Be6 12.Qe2 0-0-0 13.a3 -0.32/20

[13.exd5!± 0.46/19 Bxd5 14.0-0]

13...dxe4∓ 14.dxe4 -0.95/19

[14.Nxe4= -0.29/21 Nxe4 15.dxe4]

14...Kb8 0.08/20

[14...Nh7!∓ -0.95/19]

15.b4 -0.36/20

[15.Nc4= 0.08/20]

15...Qg7 0.47/20

[15...Nh7∓ -0.36/20]

16.0-0 -0.50/21

[16.Ng5± 0.47/20 Bg8 17.0-0]

16...g5 17.Ne1 -0.89/19

[White should try 17.Nh2∓ -0.39/20]

17...Rdf8 -0.09/19

[17...Bxh3!∓ -0.89/19 18.Bxh3 g4]

18.a4? -2.27/21

[18.Nc4= -0.09/19]

18...Qd7!-+ 19.Kh2 Ne7? -0.55/19

[19...h4-+ -2.56/21 20.g4 Nh7]

20.Nc4!∓ Black must now prevent Nc4xd6. **20...Ng6?** 1.16/22

[20...h4∓ -0.97/22 keeps the pressure on. 21.g4 Rhg8]

21.Bxg5 -0.08/24

[21.Nxd6± 1.16/22 Qxd6 22.Bxg5]

21...Be7!= 22.Bxf6

[22.Nf3 Ng4+ 23.Kg1 Rxf3 24.Rxf3 Bxg5 25.hxg4 h4 *(25...hxg4*

26.Rf5∓)]

22...Bxf6 23.h4 Qe7 24.Na5 -1.39/20

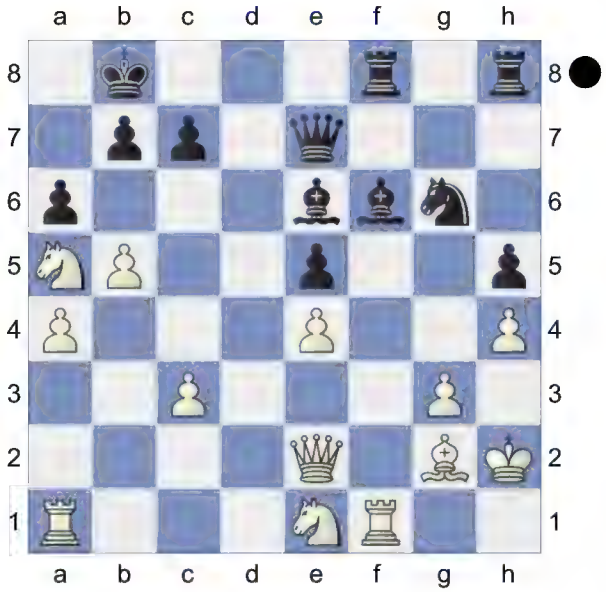
[24.Nf3!= 0.01/21 keeps the balance.]

24...a6 -0.01/22

[24...Bxh4!∓ -1.39/20 25.gxh4 *(25.Qb5 Bxg3+ 26.Kg1 Rxf1+ 27.Bxf1 Bf2+* Decoy *28.Kxf2 Qf6+ 29.Nf3 Bc8∓)* 25...Qxh4+ 26.Kg1 Bc8]

25.b5 -0.79/20

[25.Nf3= -0.01/22]



25...Bxh4!∓ 26.gxh4

[26.Rxf8+ Rxf8 27.Qd3 Rd8]

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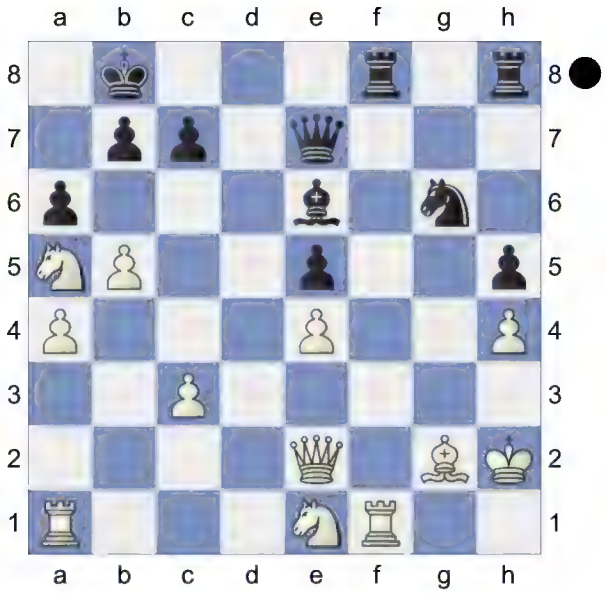
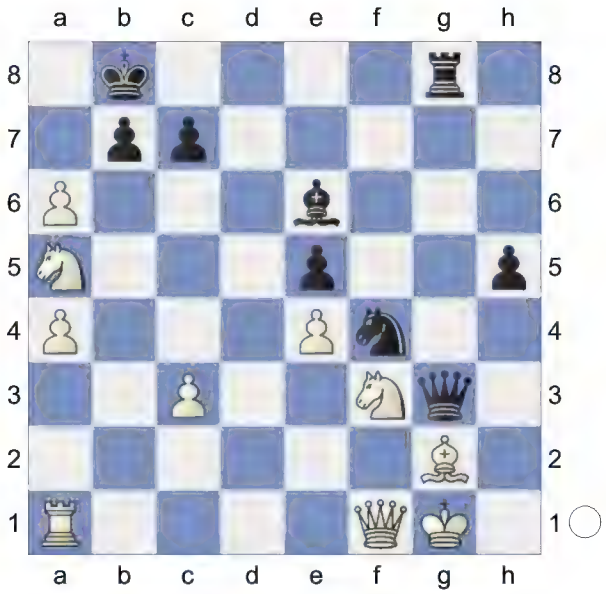


26...Qxh4+ -0.18/23

[Black should play 26...Rxf1!∓ -0.85/23 27.Qxf1 Rf8 *(27...Nxh4? 28.bxa6 Nxg2 29.Nxg2+-; 27...Qxh4+ 28.Kg1=)*]

27.Kg1= Rxf1+ 28.Qxf1 Nf4 29.bxa6 Rg8 30.Nf3 Qg3

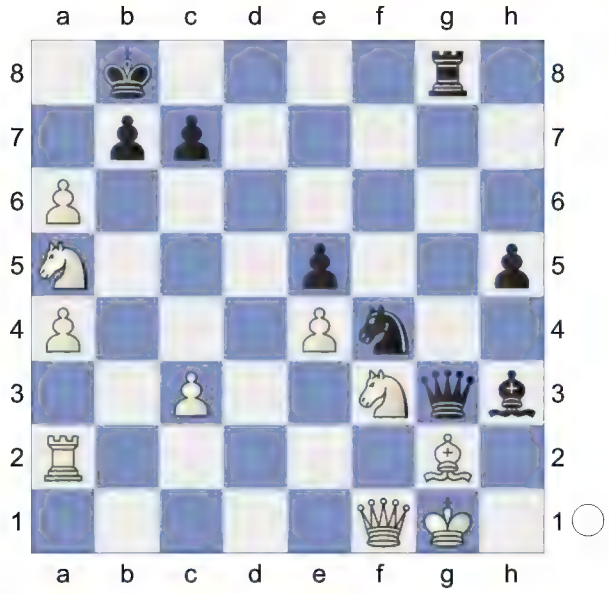
[30...Rxg2+? 31.Qxg2 Qf6 32.Qb2+-]



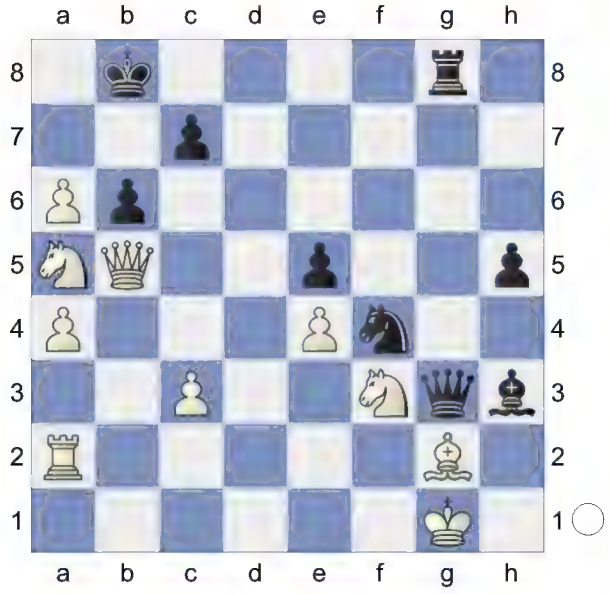
31.Ra2 -5.36/22 **Bh3??** 15.83/23

[31...Bxa2-+ -5.36/22 32.axb7 Qxg2+ 33.Qxg2 Rxg2+ 34.Kh1 Bf7 35.Nc6+

Kxb7 36.Nd8+ Ka6 37.Nxf7 Rc2]



32.Qb5!+- b6



33.Qc6! Bc8 Prevents Qc6-b7+. **34.a7+! Kxa7** and ...Rg8-g7 would now be decisive **35.Qxc7+ Ka6 36.Qc4+?** 0.00/5

[36.Nxe5? Nh3+ 37.Kf1 Qf4+ *(37...bxa5? 38.Qd6+ Ka7 39.Qc5+ Ka6 40.Qb5+ Ka7 41.Nc6+* Discovered Attack *Ka8 42.Qxa5+ Kb7 43.Nd8+ Rxd8 44.e5++-; 37...Rf8+? 38.Ke2-+)* 38.Ke2 Rxg2+ *(38...bxa5 39.Qc4+ Ka7 40.Qc5+ Ka6 41.Qb5+ Ka7 42.Nc6+* Discovered Attack, Double Attack *Ka8 43.Qxa5+ Kb7 44.Nd8+ Rxd8 45.e5+)* 39.Kd3 Qf1+ *(39...Rxa2 40.Qxc8+ Kxa5 41.Qa8#)* 40.Kd4 Qg1+ *(40...Rxa2 41.Qxc8+ Kxa5 42.Qa8+ Qa6 43.Nc4+ Kxa4 44.Qxa6+ Kb3 45.Qb5+ Kc2 46.Ne3+ Kc1 47.Qf1+ Kb2 48.Nc4+ Kc2 49.Qe2+ Kb3 50.Qd1+ Rc2 51.Qb1+* Skewer *)* 41.Kd5 Nf4+ *(41...Rxa2 42.Qxc8+ Kxa5 43.Qa8#)* 42.Kd6 Rg6+ *(42...Rxa2 43.Qxc8+ Kxa5 44.Qa8#; 42...Qd1+ 43.Ke7∓)* 43.Nxg6 Qxg6+ 44.Ke5 Qg5+ Skewer 45.Kd4 Ne6+ 46.Kd3 Nxc7-+]

[36.Nc4+- 18.53/23 Qg6 37.a5 *(37.Nfxe5 Qh6+-; 37.Ncxe5 Qg7+-)*]

36...Ka7 8.05/24

[36...Kxa5= 0.00/5 37.Qb5#]

37.Nc6+ Kb7 38.Ne7

Weighted Error Value: White=0.78/ Black=0.92

[38.Nfxe5 Be6 *(38...Nxg2 39.Qf7+)* 39.Qb5 Qe1+ *(39...Bxa2 40.Na5+* Deflection *Kb8 41.Qxb6+ Kc8 42.Qc6+ Kd8 43.Qd7#)* 40.Kh2 Qh4+ *(40...Bxa2 41.Na5+* Deflection *Kb8 42.Qxb6+ Kc8 43.Qc6+ Kd8 44.Qd7#)* 41.Kg1 Nh3+ *(41...Bxa2 42.Na5+ Kb8 43.Qxb6+ Kc8 44.Qc6+ Kd8 45.Qd7#)* 42.Kf1 Qf4+ *(42...Bxa2 43.Na5+* Deflection *Kb8 44.Qxb6+ Kc8 45.Qc6+ Kd8 46.Qd7#)* 43.Nf3 Qc1+ *(43...Bxa2 44.Na5+ Kc7 45.Qc6+ Kd8 46.Qxb6+ Ke8 47.Qc6+ Kf8 48.Qc8+ Kg7 49.Qxh3±)* 44.Ne1 Rf8+∓ *(44...Bxa2?* perishes. *45.Na5+ Kc7 46.Qc6+* Deflection *Kd8 47.Qxb6+ Ke8 48.Qb8+ Kf7*

49.Qc7+ Kf6 50.Bxh3+-)]
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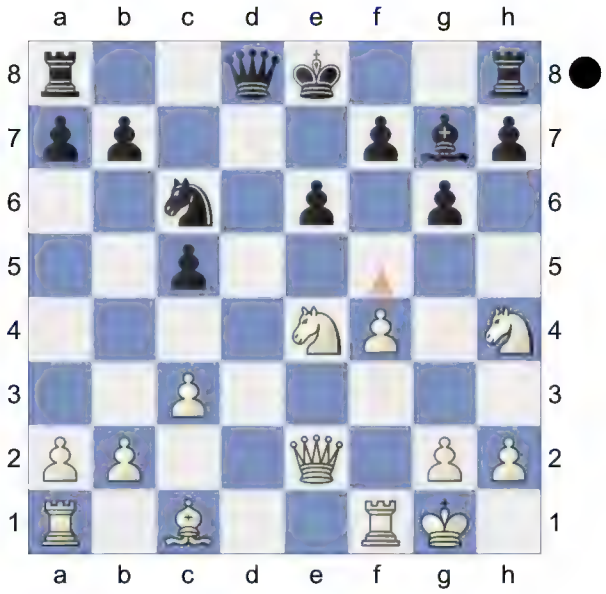
14 **A03**
□ **Carlsen,M** **2833**
■ **Akhmedov,David** **2469**
Titled Tue 18th Mar Early blitz (2)
[Kitty Kat]

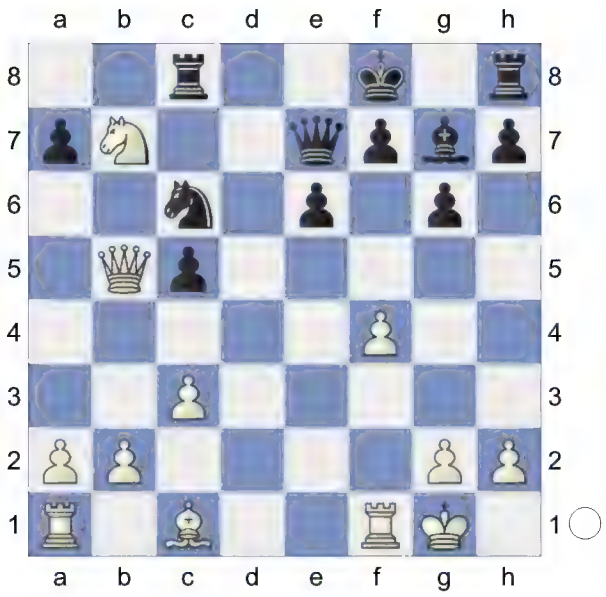
A03: Bird's Opening with 1...d5
43/324 ChessCalisthenics: 'B96: Sicilian Najdorf: 6 Bg5 e6 7 f4, lines other than 7...Qb6 and 7...Be7' **1.f4 d5 2.Nf3 Nf6 3.e3 Bf5 4.Nh4N**
[4.Nc3 g6 5.Be2 Bg7 6.Bb5+ c6 7.Be2 0-0 8.d3 Nbd7 9.Nd4 e6 10.g4 Bxg4 11.Bxg4 Nxg4 12.Qxg4 Qb6 13.Qf3 Rab8 14.h4 Qa5 15.Bd2 Qb4 16.Rb1 Qe7 17.h5 Bf6 18.Qg4 1-0 Donkov,S (1753)-Aubert,L EU-ch 12th Aix les Bains 2011 (7)]
[4.d3 e6 5.Be2 Bd6 6.0-0 Nbd7 7.Nfd2 h5 8.h3 c6 9.Nc3 Qc7 10.e4 Bc5+ 11.Kh1 dxe4 12.dxe4 Bg4 13.e5 Nd5 14.Nxd5 cxd5 15.Bxg4 hxg4 16.Qxg4 Bf8 17.c3 Nc5 18.Qe2 0-0-0 1-0 (46) Bryson,D (2310)-Gallagher,J (2340) Nottingham 1987 19.a4 d4 20.Rf3 d3 21.Qf1 Qc6 22.Qd1 Be7 23.b4 Ne4 24.Nxe4 Qxe4 25.Bd2 Kb8 26.a5 Rd5 27.Qb3 Qe2 28.c4 Rd7 29.Qc3 Bh4 30.a6 Bf2 31.c5 Rhd8 32.Qc1 bxa6 33.Rxa6 Rd4 1-0 (46) Adinolfi, M-Brandenburg,H Yerevan 152/14 2022 34.Kh2 R4d5 35.c6 Rc8 36.Rxf2 Qxf2 37.Be3 d2 38.Qa3 Qxg2+ 39.Kxg2 d1Q 40.Bxa7+ Kc7 41.Bb6+ Kxc6 42.b5+ Kb7 43.Bf2 Qc2 44.Ra7+ Kb8 45.Rb7+ Kxb7 46.Qa7# 1-0 Bryntse,A-Mattsson,B Sweden ch-32 1972]

4...Bg4 5.Be2 Bxe2 6.Qxe2 c5 7.0-0 Nc6 8.d3 The position is equal. **8...g6 9.c3 Bg7 10.e4 e6 11.Nd2 dxe4** 0.54/19
[11...a5= -0.09/18]
12.dxe4± Nxe4 1.34/21 **13.Nxe4±**



Qxh4 14.Nd6+
[14.Nxc5?! 0-0=]
14...Kf8 15.Nxb7 Bc1-e3! is the strong threat. White is more active. **15...Qe7 16.Qb5 Rc8** 2.63/21
[16...Nd4± 0.93/21 17.Qxc5 *(17.cxd4 Bxd4+ 18.Kh1 Rb8∓)* 17...Qxc5 18.Nxc5 Nc2]

(Diagram)



Black cannot hold the game after this.
17.Be3+-
[17.Nxc5 Nd4 18.Nd7+ *(18.cxd4 Bxd4+ 19.Kh1 Qxc5∓)* 18...Ke8 19.Nf6+ *(19.cxd4 Qxd7 20.Qe2 Kf8±)* 19...Kf8 20.Nd7+ *(20.cxd4 Bxf6 21.Be3 Kg7=)* 20...Ke8 21.cxd4 Qxd7∓]
[17.Qxc5 Kg8 18.Qxe7 Nxe7±]
17...Kg8 18.Rad1 Wards off Nc6-d4
[Much less strong is 18.Bxc5?! Qc7]
18...h5 3.50/19
[⌓18...h6 2.32/19 19.Bxc5 *(19.Nd6 Rc7+-)* 19...Qc7]
19.Nd6
[19.Bxc5 Qc7±]
[19.Nxc5 h4 20.Rd7 Qe8±]
19...Rc7 20.Bxc5
[Less strong is 20.Qxc5 Nd4 21.Qa5 Qxd6±]
20...Kh7 21.Ne4 Qe8 Black is weak on the dark squares **22.Ng5+ Kh6?** 5.34/21
[22...Kg8 2.92/20 23.h3 a5]
23.Bd6 White is clearly winning.
23...Rc8 24.Qb7 f6 25.Nf7+ Kh7 26.Nxh8 Kxh8 27.Ba3 Rb8 28.Qd7 e5 29.Qxe8+ Rxe8 30.Rd6 Na5 31.fxe5 Rxe5 32.b3 Dodges Na5-c4
32...f5 33.Rxg6 Nb7 34.Rg5
Weighted Error Value: White=0.11 (very precise) /Black=0.52
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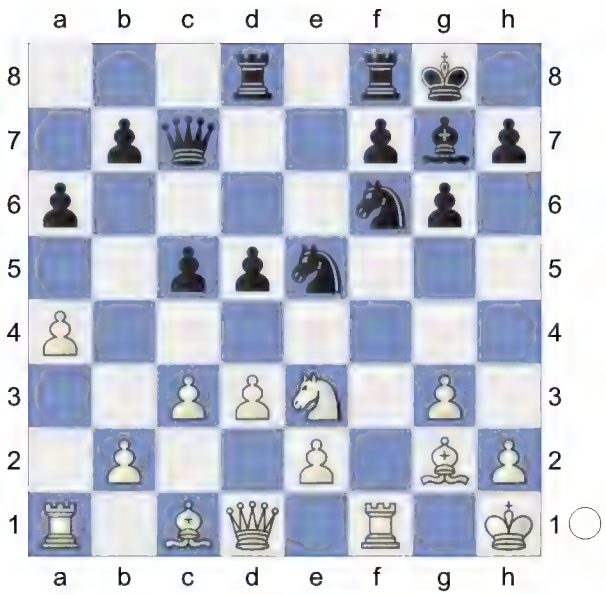
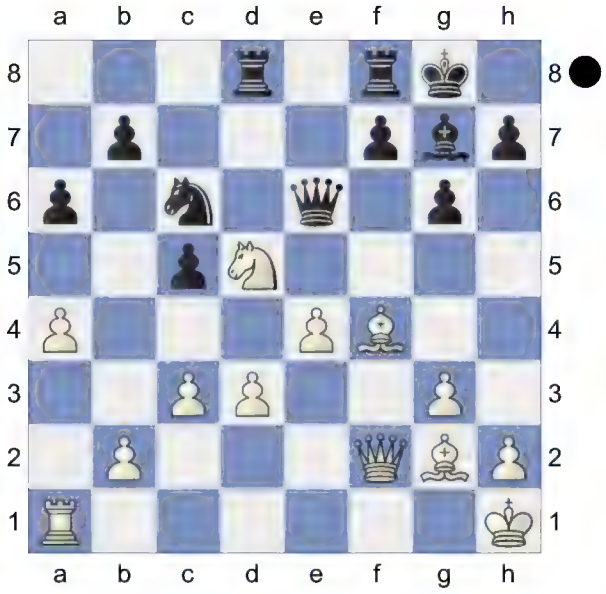
15 **A02**
□ **Narayanan,Sunilduth Lyna** **2694**
■ **Onischuk,V** **2619**
Titled Tue 23rd Jan Early blitz (4)
[Kitty Kat]

A02: Bird's Opening
1.f4 g6 2.Nf3 Bg7 3.g3 Nf6 4.Bg2 0-0 5.0-0 d6N
[5...d5 6.d3 Nbd7 7.Nc3 Nc5 8.e3 c6 9.Qe2 Qc7 10.e4 dxe4 11.dxe4 b6 12.Rd1 Ba6 13.Qe1 Rad8 14.Rxd8 Rxd8 15.e5 Nd5 16.Nxd5 cxd5 17.Be3 e6 18.Bd4 Bf8 19.g4 Ne4 20.c3 0-1 (42) Weissenburger,T-Arizmendi,J Montreal op 1996 (1) Qc4 21.Qh4 Rc8 22.f5 Qe2 23.b4 Rc7 24.a4 Be7 25.f6 Bf8 26.b5 Bb7 27.Ng5 h6 28.Nxe4 dxe4 29.g5 Qd2 30.Bxe4 Bxe4 31.Qxe4 Qxg5+ 32.Kh1 Qf5 33.Qxf5 gxf5 34.a5 Bc5 35.axb6 0-1 (42) Stulik,V-Herink,M CSR-ch27 Prague 1957 (1)]
6.d3 d5 7.c3 c5 8.a4 Nc6 The position is equal. **9.Na3 a6 10.Nc2 Qc7 11.Kh1 Bg4 12.Ne3 Bxf3 13.Bxf3 Rad8 14.Bg2 e5 15.fxe5 Nxe5** 0.01/21
[15...Qxe5∓ -0.50/21 16.Qb3 Qe6]

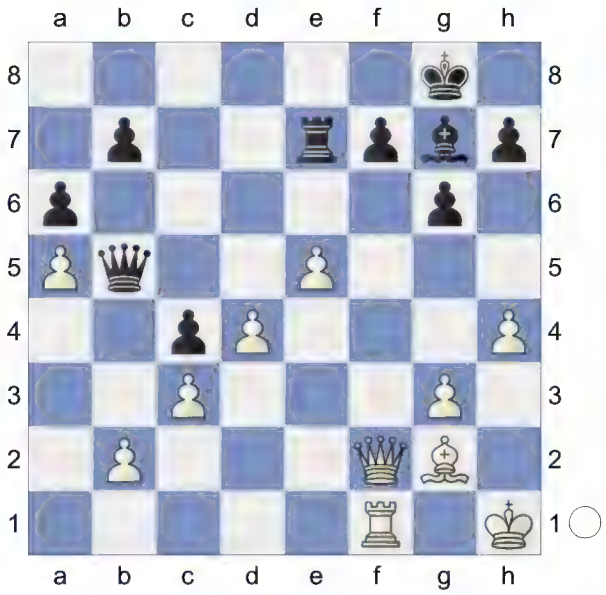
(Diagram)



16.Rxf6!= Decoy **16...Bxf6 17.Nxd5 Qd6**
[17...Qc6? 18.Ne7+ Bxe7 19.Bxc6 Nxc6 20.Bf4+-]
18.Bf4 White has compensation.
18...Qe6! 19.e4 Bg7 20.Qe2 Nc6 21.Qf2

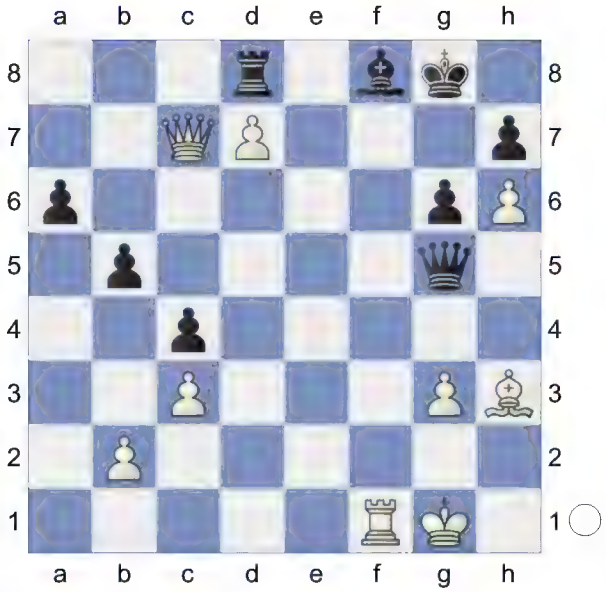


c4 1.46/19 **22.d4±**
[22.dxc4 Ne5±]
22...Ne7 23.Nxe7+ 1.03/21
[23.Ne3+- 1.67/21]
23...Qxe7 24.Rf1 0.53/21
[24.e5 f6=]
[24.a5± 0.97/19]
24...Qd7 0.93/20
[24...b5± 0.53/21]
25.a5 Qb5 1.13/22
[Better is 25...f6 0.75/21]
26.Bc7! Rd7 27.Bb6 Re8 28.e5 0.22/22
[28.h4± 0.95/19]
28...Rde7 1.29/21
[28...f6!= 0.22/22 keeps the balance.]
29.h4 Qd7 2.36/22 Wards off g3-g4
[29...f6± 0.98/22]
30.Bc5 Black is weak on the dark squares **30...Qb5?** 3.50/23
[30...f6 1.96/22 31.Bxe7 *(31.exf6 Rf7±)* 31...Rxe7 32.exf6 Rf7]
31.Bxe7 Rxe7

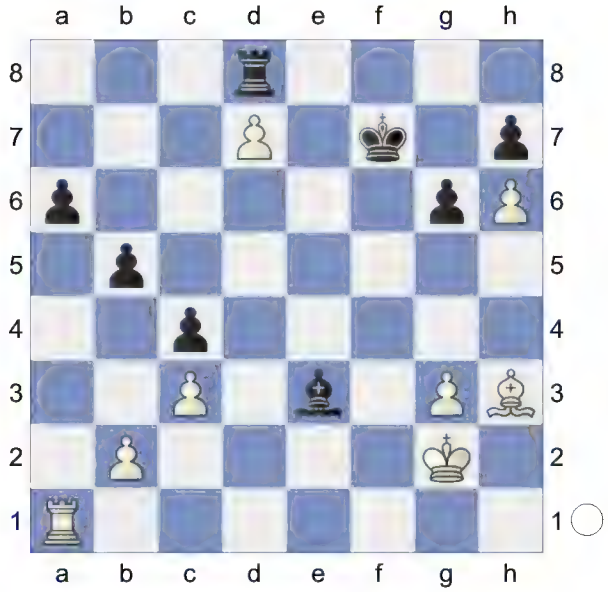


32.h5! Qxa5 33.Qf4 Qc7 34.h6 Bf8 35.Re1
[35.Bd5 Qd7+-]
35...b5 36.d5 Wards off Re7-e6
36...Qd7 4.54/23
[36...Re8 2.67/23 37.Kh2 *(37.d6 Bxd6 38.exd6 Rxe1+=)* 37...Qd7]
37.d6+- Re8 38.Rf1 Qe6 Prevents Bg2-d5. **39.Kh2 f5** 14.52/23
[⌓39...Qf5 4.79/22 40.Qxf5 gxf5 41.Rxf5 Re6]

40.exf6 Kf7 41.Rd1 8.48/23
[⌓41.Qd4 #13/19 Qxd6 42.Qa7+ Be7 43.fxe7+ Ke6 44.Bh3+ Kd5 45.Rd1+ Kc6 46.Qxa6+ *(46.Rxd6+ Kxd6 47.Qb6+ Kxe7 48.Qe6+ Kf8 49.Qf6+ Kg8 50.Qg7#)* 46...Kc7 47.Rxd6 Kb8 48.Qxb5+ Kc7 49.Rc6#]
41...Qe2 42.Rd5 d6-d7 would now be deadly. **42...Rd8 43.d7 Qe6 44.Qc7 Qxf6 45.Rd1 Kg8 46.Rf1 Qg5 47.Bh3?** 3.77/25
[47.Bd5+ #14/23 mates Kh8 48.Rxf8+ Promotion Rxf8 49.d8Q Qxh6+ 50.Kg2 *(50.Qh4 Qxh4+ 51.gxh4 Rf5+-)* 50...Qd2+ 51.Kh3 Qh6+ 52.Qh4 Qxh4+ 53.gxh4]
47...Qd2+ 48.Kg1 Qg5 49.Kh2? 0.01/21
[49.Be6+ Kh8 50.Kg2 Bxh6+-]
[White has to play 49.Kg2+- 3.99/25 Qd5+ 50.Rf3]
49...Qd2+!= 50.Kg1⇄ White is not keeping still **50...Qg5!**



51.Rd1? 0.01/24
[51.Be6+ Kh8 52.Kg2 Bxh6+-]
[51.Kg2!+- 4.09/24 White threatens Bh3-e6+ and mate. Qd5+ 52.Rf3]
51...Qc5+? 1.67/20
[51...Qe3+!= 0.01/24 52.Kh1 Qf3+ 53.Kh2 Qe2+ 54.Bg2 Qh5+ 55.Bh3 Qe2+]
52.Qxc5+- Bxc5+ Endgame KRB-KRB
53.Kg2 Kf7 54.Ra1 Be3? 4.75/24
[54...b4 1.79/24 keeps fighting. 55.Rxa6 bxc3 56.bxc3 *(56.Be6+ Ke7±)* 56...Be3]

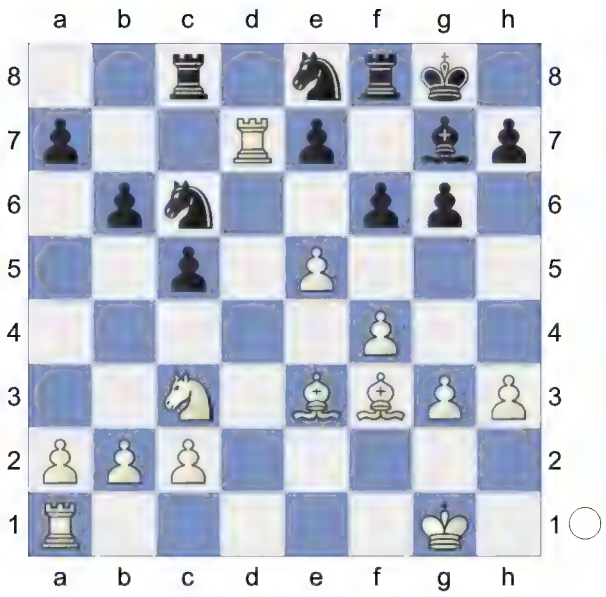


55.Rxa6? 1.25/24
[55.Rf1+!+- 4.75/24 and the rest is easy. Kg8 56.Re1 *(56.Be6+ Kh8+-)*]
55...Bxh6 1.88/23
[55...Bc1± 1.25/24]
56.Rb6 Bf8 57.Rxb5 h5 58.Rb6 g5 2.91/23
[⌓58...Be7 1.97/20 59.Kf3 Bf6]
59.Bf5
Weighted Error Value: White=0.55/ Black=0.93
1-0

16 **A02**
□ **Carlsen,M** **2833**
■ **Bakalchuk,Johnatan** **2430**
Titled Tue 11th Mar Early blitz (4) 11.03.25
[Kitty Kat]

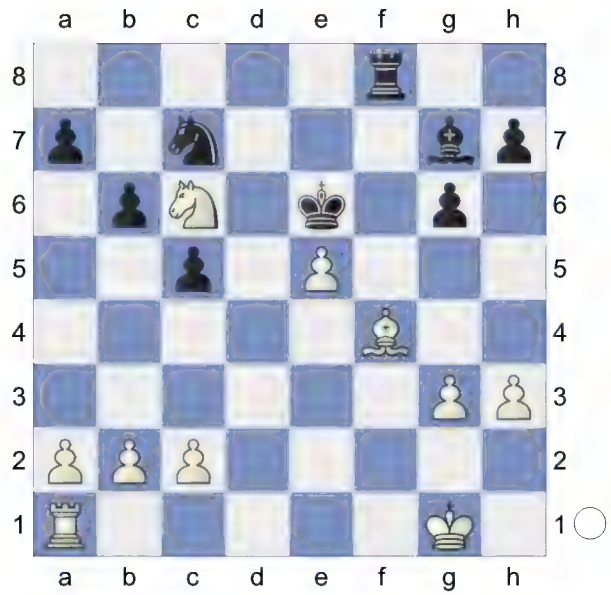
A03: Bird's Opening with 1...d5
1.f4 g6 2.Nf3 d5 3.g3 Bg7 4.Bg2 Nf6 5.0-0 0-0 6.d3 c5 7.Nc3 Nc6 8.e4 dxe4 9.dxe4 Qxd1 10.Rxd1 Bg4 0.94/20
[10...e5!= 0.20/20]
11.e5 Ne8 1.30/21
[⩀11...Nh5 0.81/21]
12.Be3± White is better. **12...b6 13.h3 Bxf3 14.Bxf3 Rc8** Black is weak on the light squares **15.Rd7 f6N** 2.18/22
[15...e6± 1.57/22 16.Rad1 Nb4]
[15...Nb4 16.Rc1 Rc7 17.Rd2 f6 18.a3 Nc6 19.Bd5+ Kh8 20.Nb5 Rc8 21.Bxc6 Rxc6 22.Nxa7 Re6 23.Re1 fxe5 24.Bf2 Nd6 25.b3 e4 26.Rde2 Bc3 27.Rd1 Ra8 28.Nc6 Nf5 29.Nd8 Rf6 30.Rxe4 0-1 (45) Galdanov,N-Persits,B USSR ch-12 7577 1975 Nd6 31.Rxd6 exd6 32.Re8+ Kg7 33.Ne6+ Rxe6 34.Rxe6 Rxa3 35.Rxd6 Ra1+ 36.Kg2 Ra2 37.Rxb6 Rxc2 38.Kf3 c4 39.Rb7+ Kf6 40.bxc4 Ke6 41.Rxh7 Bf6 42.Rc7 Rc3+ 43.Ke4 Rc2 44.Rc6+ Kf7 45.Be3 0-1 Golovchenko,G (2442)-Mendes,J (2281) Enghien les Bains 2003 (7) Rc3]

(Diagram)



16.Bxc6!+-
[16.Bd5+ Kh8=]
16...Rxc6 17.Nd5 Repels Rc6-c7
[17.Rxe7 Rc7 18.Nd5 Rxe7 19.Nxe7+ Kf7=]
[17.Rxa7?! Rc7 18.Ra6 Rb7±]
17...Re6 18.Rxe7
[18.Rxa7?! Rf7±]
18...Rxe7 19.Nxe7+ Kf7 20.Nc6↑ Keeping Black busy. White is more active. **20...fxe5 21.fxe5**
[21.Nxe5+ Bxe5 22.fxe5 Ke6±]
21...Ke6 22.Bf4
[22.Nxa7?! Nc7±]
22...Nc7

(Diagram)

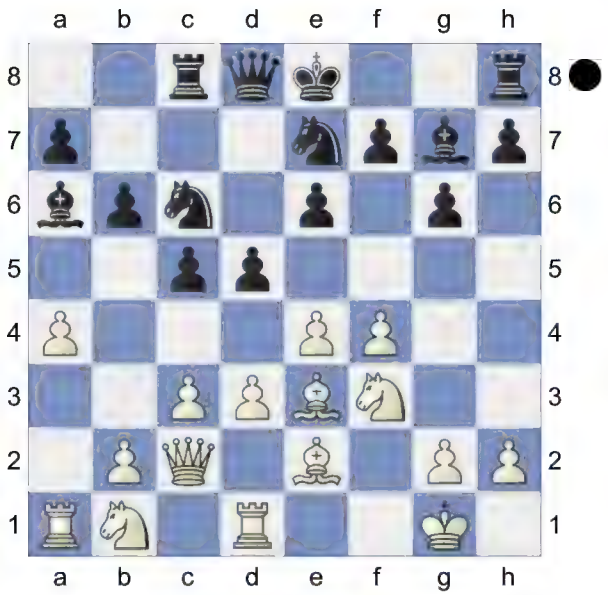


23.c4 Prevents Nc7-d5
[23.Nxa7? is the wrong capture. Ra8 24.Nc6 Kd7-+]
23...Kf5 2.20/23
[23...Na6± 1.58/19 24.Rd1 *(24.Nxa7 Rd8±)* 24...Nb4]
24.Re1 Strongly threatening Kg1-g2!.
[Weaker is 24.Nxa7 Ne6=]
24...Re8 25.Bd2 Re6? #1/6
[25...h5± 1.47/23 26.Bc3 *(26.Nxa7 Bxe5 27.Kg2 Bxb2±)* 26...a6]
26.g4#
Weighted Error Value: White=0.17 (very precise) /Black=0.60
1-0

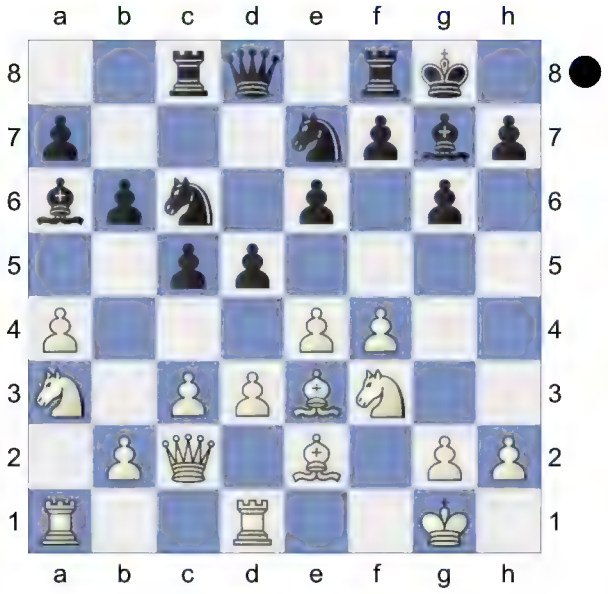
17 **A02**
□ **Carlsen,Magnus** **2864**
■ **Anton Guijarro,David** **2691**
Chessable Masters KO 2022 (1.13)
[Kitty Kat]

B06: Modern Defence
1.f4 g6 2.e4 d5 3.d3N
[3.e5 c5 4.Nc3 *(4.Nf3 Nc6 5.c4 Bf5 6.Nh4 Bxb1 7.Rxb1 e6 8.Nf3 Nh6 9.Qa4 Qd7 10.cxd5 exd5 11.Bb5 Be7 12.d4 0-0 13.Be3 Ng4 14.Bd2 Qf5 15.0-0 Nxd4 16.Nxd4 cxd4 17.Qxd4 Rfc8 18.Bb4 Bd8* 0-1 (20) Euwe Variation-Ig5 (2375) Top 16 Nancy 2004 (1)*)* 4...Nh6 5.Nf3 Nf5 6.Bb5+ Bd7 7.Qe2 e6 8.0-0 Bxb5 9.Qxb5+ Qd7 10.Qxd7+ Kxd7 11.b3 Nc6 12.Bb2 Rc8 13.Nxd5 Bg7 14.Nc3 Nfd4 15.Nxd4 Nxd4 16.Ne4 Rc7 17.c4 Kc6 1-0 (71) Dzida,K-13. ♔b1 ♗b7 14.g5 ♖c8 19 Gambitserie-Grundklasse G 1990 (1) 18.Bxd4 cxd4 19.Rf3 Rd8 20.Rd3 Bf8 21.a4 Bb4 22.g4 h6 23.Kg2 Kb6 24.a5+ Kc6 25.Ra4 Bf8 26.Kf3 Rcd7 27.Nf6 Rc7 28.Ke4 Rcc8 29.b4 g5 30.f5 Bg7 31.Nh5 Bf8 32.f6 b5 1-0 (71) Dzida,K-13.Kb1 Bb7 14.g5 Rc8 Gambitserie-Grundklasse G 1990 (1)]
[3.Nc3 dxe4 4.Nxe4 Bg7 5.Nf3 Nf6 6.Nxf6+ Bxf6 7.g3 c5 8.d3 Nc6 9.Bg2 0-0 10.0-0 Be6 11.Ng5 Bd5 12.Ne4 Bg7 13.c3 e6 14.Be3 b6 15.Qe2 Qd7 16.Rad1 Na5 17.b3 Rad8 1-0 (60) Toledano Llinares,J (2312)-De la Villa Garcia,J (2478) 32nd Benasque Open 2012 (8.10)]
3...Bg7 4.Nf3 c5 5.Be2 Nc6 6.0-0 e6 7.c3 Nge7 8.Be3 The position is equal.
8...b6 9.Qc2 Ba6 10.a4 Rc8 11.Rd1 -0.96/18
[11.e5= -0.12/17 remains equal.]

(Diagram)



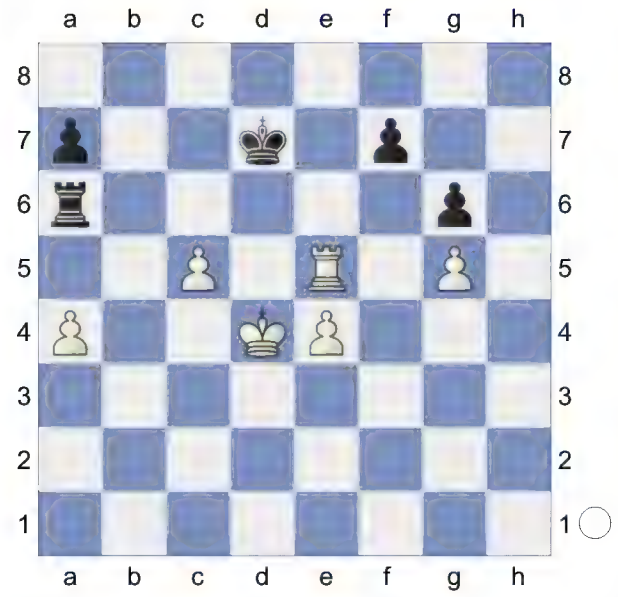
11...0-0 -0.26/18
[11...Nd4!∓ -0.96/18 12.Bxd4 *(12.cxd4? cxd4∓)* 12...cxd4]
12.Na3 -0.67/19
[12.Bf2= -0.26/18 deserves consideration.]



12...Nd4!∓ 13.Bxd4
[13.cxd4? cxd4 14.Qb3 dxe3-+]
13...cxd4 14.c4 -1.20/20
[White should play 14.e5 -0.79/19]
14...Qc7 15.Qd2 dxe4 16.dxe4 Rfd8 17.Bd3 e5 0.01/21
[17...Bb7∓ -0.96/18 18.b4 Qd7]
18.Nb5!= Qb8 19.Nxe5 Bxe5 20.fxe5 Nc6 21.Nd6 Rc7! 22.Qg5⇄ White is not keeping still **22...Rcd7** 0.74/20
[22...Re7= -0.01/19]

23.b4! White has more active pieces.
23...Nxe5 24.Qxe5 Rxd6 0.92/21
[24...Qxd6± 0.37/23 25.Qxd6 Rxd6]
25.c5± bxc5 26.bxc5 Rc6 27.Qxb8 Rxb8 28.Bxa6 Discovered Attack **28...Rxa6 29.Rxd4** Endgame KRR-KRR. White is a pawn up. **29...Rc6 30.Rc1 Rbc8 31.Rd5 Kf8 32.Kf2 Ke7 33.g4 h6** 1.72/21
[33...Rb8± 1.06/20]
34.h4 1.02/22
[34.Ke3+- 1.72/21]
34...Rb8 35.g5 hxg5 36.hxg5 Ke6 1.72/23 Against Rd5-e5+
[36...Rb4± 1.26/20]
37.Ke3 Rb3+ 2.33/22
[37...Rb4 1.71/22 38.Rcd1 Rxa4]
38.Kd4 1.19/23
[38.Kf4+- 2.33/22]
38...Rb4+ 39.Rc4 Rb1 40.Re5+ Kd7 41.Kd5 0.57/23

[41.Rc3± 1.44/20]
41...Rd1+ 1.37/5
[Black should try 41...Ra6± 0.57/23]
42.Rd4 Rxd4+
[42...Rc1? 43.Re7+ Kxe7 44.Kxc6+-]
43.Kxd4+- KR-KR. White is a pawn up.
43...Ra6



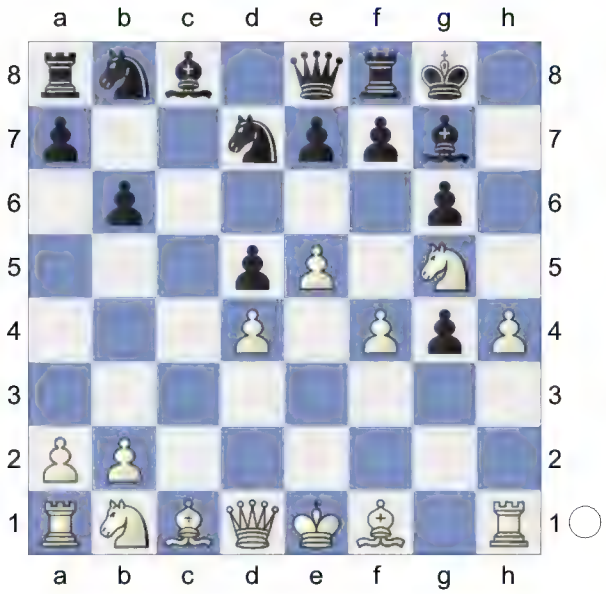
44.a5 And now Kd4-c4 would win.
44...Kd8
[44...Kc6 45.Re7]
45.Kd5
[45.Rd5+?! Ke7±]
45...Rxa5 46.Kd6 Rb5? 4.67/25
[46...Ra2 1.71/25 47.c6 Rd2+ 48.Rd5 Ra2]
47.Re7 Rxc5 aiming for ...Rc5-c6+!.
48.Rxa7 Rc8 49.Rxf7 Ke8 Wards off Rf7-f8+ **50.Rf6 Ra8 51.Ke5**
[51.Rxg6? perishes. Ra6+ 52.Ke5 Rxg6-+]
51...Ra5+ 52.Kf4 Rb5? 5.37/29
[52...Ra1 2.65/34 might work better. 53.Rxg6 Kf7 54.Rf6+ Kg7]
53.Rxg6 Kf7 54.Ra6
Weighted Error Value: White=0.22 (precise) /Black=0.26 (precise)
1-0

18 **A02**
□ **Nakamura,Hikaru** **2768**
■ **Paravyan,David** **2586**
chess.com SpeedChess 2022 blitz (1.35)
[Kitty Kat]

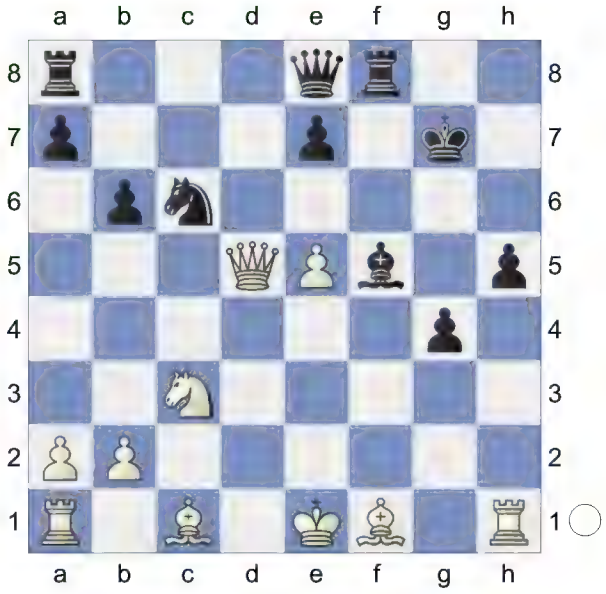
A02: Bird's Opening
1.f4 Nf6 2.Nf3 g6 3.d3 Bg7
[3...d6 4.e4 c5 5.Be2 Bg7 6.0-0 Nc6 7.Nc3 Bg4 8.h3 Bd7 9.Be3 Nh5 10.Qe1 Nd4 11.Bd1 Qc8 12.Qf2 Ne6 13.g4 Nhxf4 14.Qh2 Bh6 15.g5 Nxh3+ 16.Qxh3 Nf4 17.Qxh6 Bh3 18.Nh2 1-0 Milnes,A (2043)-Lecoultre,P (1702) Muret Seniors op 2014 (5)]
4.e4 0-0 5.g3N
[5.Be2 c5 6.0-0 Nc6 7.a4 d6 8.Qe1 c4 9.Na3 cxd3 10.Bxd3 Nd7 11.c3 Nc5 12.Bc2 Nb3 13.Bxb3 Qb6+ 14.Kh1 Qxb3 15.Nb5 Bd7 16.f5 gxf5 17.exf5 Bxf5 18.Nfd4 Bxd4 19.Nxd4 Nxd4 (47) Chapter-Game Chapter 1967]
5...d5 0.33/19
[5...c5= -0.14/19]
6.e5± Nfd7 7.d4 c5 8.c3 White has an edge. **8...cxd4 9.cxd4 b6** 1.27/19
[9...Nb6= 0.15/19]
10.h4 h5

(Diagram)

11.g4 0.62/19 **hxg4 12.Ng5** -0.60/18
[12.Ng1± 0.68/18]
12...Qe8? 1.36/17
[12...Nc6 13.h5± *(13.Qxg4? Nxd4 14.Qg2 Nc5∓)*]
[12...Nf6!∓ -0.60/18 keeps the upper hand.]



13.h5!±
[13.Qxg4 Nxe5 14.Qg2 Nec6∓]
13...gxh5 1.54/19
[⌓13...f6 0.96/18]
14.Nc3 1.04/19 White has more active pieces.
[14.Rxh5 f6 15.Rh1 *(15.Qxg4? Nxe5-+)* 15...fxg5∓]
[⌓14.Qc2 1.54/19 f5 15.Nc3]
14...f6 15.Ne6↑ Keeping Black busy.
15...Nxe5 1.48/20 **16.Nxg7**
[16.Nxf8 Nf3+ 17.Kf2 Nc6 *(17...Kxf8 18.Bg2∓; 17...Bxf8 18.Bg2=)* 18.Nxd5 Kxf8∓ *(18...Bxf8 19.Be3=)*]
16...Kxg7 17.fxe5 fxe5 18.dxe5 1.18/19
[18.Bg2+- 1.69/19]
18...Nc6 1.72/18
[18...Qg6± 1.18/19 was worth a try.]
19.Qxd5 0.44/19
[White should play 19.Nxd5+- 1.72/18 Strongly threatening Qd1-d2. Be6 20.Qd2]
19...Bf5? 2.21/20
[Black should try 19...Qg6± 0.44/19]



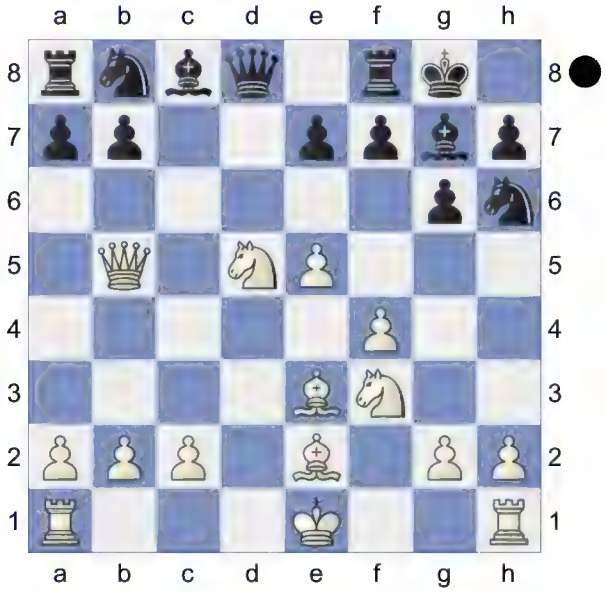
20.Qd2 1.12/19
[White must play 20.Bb5!+- 2.21/20 Rc8 21.Ne2]
20...Nxe5 6.54/19
[20...Qg6± 1.12/19]
21.Qh6+? 2.59/20

[21.Qd4 6.54/19]
21...Kg8+- 22.Rxh5 Qh6-h8+ would kill now. **22...Nf3+?** 4.64/20
[22...Rf6 2.37/21 23.Rg5+ *(23.Qh8+ Kf7+-)* 23...Rg6]
23.Kf2 Bg6 6.73/24
[⌓23...Qg6 4.29/21 24.Bc4+ e6 25.Qxg6+ Remove Defender Bxg6]
24.Bc4+ e6 25.Qh8+ Kf7

26.Rh7+ Bxh7 27.Qxh7+ Kf6 28.Bf4
A strong pair of Bishops.
[Not 28.Ne4+ Ke5 29.Kg3 Qf7 30.Qxf7 Rxf7+-]
28...Rh8? #1/6
[28...Qf7+- 3.52/22 29.Qh6+ *(29.Ne4+ Ke7+-)* 29...Qg6 30.Ne4+ Kf7]
29.Ne4#
Weighted Error Value: White=0.64/ Black=1.19
1-0

19 **A02**
□ **Nepomniachtchi,Ian** **2755**
■ **Troff,Kayden** **2490**
Titled Sep Late (10) 03.09.2024
[Kitty Kat]

B06: Modern Defence
1.f4 Nh6 2.e4 d5 3.e5 g6 4.Nf3 Bg7 5.d4 0-0N
[5...Bg4 6.h3 Bxf3 7.Qxf3 Nf5 8.c3 h5 9.g4 hxg4 10.hxg4 Rxh1 11.Qxh1 Nh6 12.f5 Nxg4 13.fxg6 fxg6 Chapter Part-Game Chapter Part 7]
6.Be2 c5 7.dxc5 Qa5+ 8.Nc3
White is slightly better. **8...Qxc5** 1.27/20
[8...Rd8± 0.61/19]
9.Qxd5±
[9.Nxd5 e6]
9...Qb6 1.78/20
[9...Qc7± 1.20/20]
10.Qb5+- Qc7 11.Nd5 Black is weak on the dark squares **11...Qd8 12.Be3**



a6 3.34/20
[⌓12...e6 1.92/19]
13.Qc5 Nc6? 3.86/19
[13...Nf5 2.05/19 might work better. 14.0-0-0 Nd7]

14.0-0-0 Nd5-b6 would now be deadly. **14...Be6 15.Nb6 Qb8 16.Nxa8 Qxa8 17.Ng5 b6 18.Qa3**
[Much less strong is 18.Qxb6 Bg4 19.Bc4 *(19.Qxa6 Bxe2 20.Qxe2 Qxa2+-)* 19...Nf5+-]
18...Bg4 19.Bxg4
[Less strong is 19.Qxa6 Bxe2 20.Qxe2 Qxa2±]
19...Nxg4 20.h3 Nxe3 21.Qxe3 Rc8 22.a3
[22.Qxb6 Nxe5 23.fxe5 Qxg2±]
22...Na5 23.Kb1
[23.Qxb6 Qxg2 24.Kb1 *(24.Qxa5? Qxc2#; 24.Rd8+ Bf8+-)* 24...Qxc2+ 25.Ka1 Nc4± *(25...Nb3+ 26.Ka2±)*]
23...Qc6 24.Qe4 White is clearly winning. **24...Qb5 25.Rd5 Qe8 26.Rhd1 h6 27.Nf3 Kh7 28.f5 Nc4 29.Rd7 b5 30.g4 Rc5 31.Rd8 Qc6 32.Qxc6 Rxc6 33.R8d7 Bf8 34.e6 fxe6 35.Nd4** Deflection. White took control after the opening.
Weighted Error Value: White=0.18 (very precise) /Black=0.49
1-0

20 **A03**
□ **Korobov,Anton** **2666**
■ **Gurel,Ediz** **2560**
Prague Challengers 6th (9) 07.03.2024
[Kitty Kat]

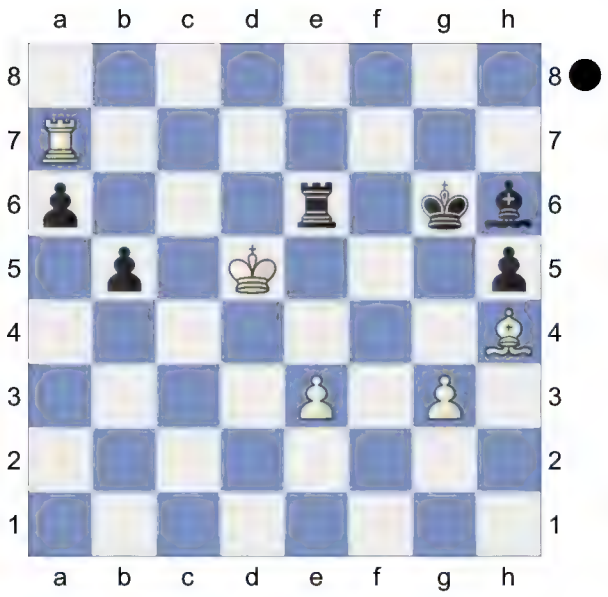
A03: Bird's Opening with 1...d5
GM Mihail Marin: 'The most natural way of fighting against White's central expansion is ... d5-d4, in a moment when the White pawn is on d3 already. Depending on White's reaction, this can lead to two typical structures. ***We shall first deal with what I would call "The Dutch Benoni", when White plays c4. GM Mihail Marin, MH: 'The most natural way of fighting against White's central expansion is ... d5-d4, in a moment when the White pawn is on d3 already. Depending on White's reaction, this can lead to two typical structures. ***We shall first deal with what I would call "The Dutch Benoni", when White plays c4. A03: Bird's Opening with 1... d5" **1.f4 d5 2.Nf3 c5 3.g3 Nc6 4.Bg2 g6 5.0-0 Bg7 6.d3 Nf6 7.Qe1 d4 8.c3 0-0 9.Na3 Be6N**
[9...Nd5 10.Bd2 e5 *(10...Rb8 11.Nc2 b6 12.c4 Nc7 13.b4 cxb4 14.Nxb4 Nxb4 15.Bxb4 Na6 16.Bd2 Bb7 17.g4 e6 18.h4 Nc5 19.h5 gxh5 20.g5 f6 21.Qh4 Qe8 22.Rf2 f5 23.Kh2 Nd7 24.Bb4 Nc5 25.Rh1* Balinski,D (2203)-Kowalec,M (2113) Marl Roquetas de 2025 1-0 (34)*; 10...Bg4 11.Nc2 Qd7 12.c4 Nb6 13.Ng5 Bf5 14.Rc1 Rfe8 15.b4 Na4 16.Qf2 Rad8 17.a3 h6 18.Ne4 Bxe4 19.Bxe4 f5 20.Bf3 e5 21.Qg2 e4 22.dxe4 d3 23.exd3 Qxd3 24.e5* Unusual Openings Bird-1.f4 d5 2.g3 g6 Survey 1993 Lexikon04 [Ftacnik]*)* 11.fxe5 Nxe5 12.Nxe5 Bxe5 13.Nc2 Bg7 14.c4 Nf6 15.b4 cxb4 16.Nxb4 Ng4 17.Nd5 Bd7 18.h3 Ne5 19.Qf2 Bc6 20.Bb4 Re8 21.Bc5 b5 22.Bxd4 bxc4 23.dxc4 f5 24.Rad1 Marin,M (2573)-Bindrich,F (2512) Dresden 2010 [GM Mihail Marin] 1-0]
10.Bd2 Qd7 11.Ng5 Bf5 Black is slightly better. **12.Nc4 h6 13.Nf3 Bh3 14.Nce5 Nxe5**
[14...Qe6 with more complications. 15.Bxh3 Qxh3 16.Nxc6 bxc6 17.e4 Ng4]
15.fxe5 dxc3 16.bxc3 Nd5 17.Bxh3 Qxh3 18.Qf2 Rac8 19.c4 Nb6 20.Rab1 Rc7 21.Ba5 Qe6 22.Rb5

Rfc8 23.h4 Rc6 24.Kg2 -0.35/22
[24.a4= 0.00/18]
24...a6 0.35/22
[Black should try 24...Nd7∓ -0.35/22]
25.Rb3 Nd7 26.d4 -0.59/21
[26.Rxb7± 0.35/20 Nxe5 27.Nxe5 Bxe5 28.Qf3]
26...cxd4∓ 27.Nxd4 Qxc4 28.e6 Qd5+
[28...Qxd4? 29.Qxd4 Bxd4 30.exd7+-]
[28...Bxd4? 29.Qxf7+ Kh8 30.exd7 Qxf7 31.dxc8Q+ Rxc8 32.Rxf7+-]
29.Qf3 -1.11/22
[29.e4∓ -0.40/22 Qxe4+ 30.Kh3]
29...Qxd4∓ Really sharp! **30.exd7**
[Don't go for 30.Rd3? Ne5 31.Rxd4 Nxf3 32.exf7+ Kf8-+]
30...Qxd7 31.Qxf7+ Kh7
[Not 31...Kh8 32.Re3 Bf6 33.Qxg6 Qd5+ 34.Rff3=]
32.Rd3 Qe6 33.Rf2 Qe4+ 34.Qf3 Qa4 35.Bd8 Qxa2 -1.17/20
[⌓35...Re6 -1.51/20 36.a3 *(36.Qxb7 Rc2∓)* 36...Rc2]
36.Bxe7 Qe6 37.Bb4 h5 38.Re3 Qc4 &Nero is more active. **39.Re4 Qd5** -0.85/23
[⌓39...Qb5 -1.29/23 40.Qd3 Qxd3 41.exd3 R8c7]
40.Re7

(Diagram)

Qxf3+ 41.Rxf3 aiming for Rff7.
41...R8c7 42.Rff7 Rxe7 43.Rxe7 Endgame KRB-KRB **43...b5 44.Ra7** Strongly threatening Bf8. **44...Kg8** Inhibits Bf8. **45.Ra8+ Kf7 46.Ra7+ Kf6 47.Kf3 Bh6 48.e3 g5 49.Be7+** -1.38/24
[White should play 49.hxg5+ -1.03/22 Bxg5 50.Bd2]
49...Kg6 50.Ke4 -2.55/21 This costs White the game.
[50.hxg5∓ -1.18/23 is a better defense. Bxg5 51.Bxg5 Kxg5 52.Rb7]
50...gxh4-+ 51.Bxh4 Re6+ 52.Kd5

(Diagram)



Bxe3! 53.Ra8
[53.Rd7 Rb6]
53...Kf7 54.Rd8 Threatens to win with Rd7+. **54...Rb6** And now ...b4 would win. **55.Ke4** -2.50/23
[55.Rd7+ -1.87/24 was worth a try. Kg6 56.Bd8]
55...Bh6 White must now prevent ...b4. **56.Kf5?** -4.06/24
[56.Kd3 -2.49/21]
56...Rb7 57.Rd6 Bg7 ...b4 is the strong threat. **58.Bf6** -7.27/24
[⌓58.Bg5 -4.17/22]
58...b4 Black is clearly winning. **59.Bxg7 Kxg7 60.Rg6+ Kh7 61.Rxa6 b3** (-> ...b2) **62.Ra1 b2 63.Rb1 Kg7**
Weighted Error Value: White=0.22 (precise) /Black=0.07 (flawless)
0-1

21 **A02**
□ **Lczero D Tilps Dje Magi** **3586**
■ **Stockfish** **3601**
TCEC 20 Superfinal 2020 (36.1) 21.01.21
[Kitty Kat]

A02: Bird's Opening
1.f4 e5 2.fxe5 d6 3.exd6 Bxd6 4.Nf3 g5 5.g3 g4 6.Nh4 Ne7 7.d4 Ng6 8.Nxg6 hxg6 9.Qd3 Nc6 10.c3 Qe7 11.Nd2N
[11.e4 Bf5 12.Bg2 0-0-0 13.0-0 *(13.Bf4 Bxf4 14.gxf4 Rh3 15.Qe2 Qh4+ 16.Kd1 Re8 17.d5 Nd8 18.Nd2 Rxh2 19.Rxh2 Qxh2* 0-1 Rauzer With F4 (2405)-Borovlev,R (2360) 70/(376) Nova Gorica 1997*)* 13...Bd7 *(13...Ne5 14.Qc2 Rxh2 15.Rxf5 Rxg2+ 16.Kxg2 gxf5 17.dxe5 Qxe5 18.Bf4 Qh8 19.Na3 Qh3+* 0-1 Satz-Kudaschev corr 285495 1975*)* 14.Nd2 f5 15.Rf2 Rxh2 16.Kxh2 Qh4+ 17.Kg1 Bxg3 18.Re2 fxe4 19.Nxe4 Qh2+ 20.Kf1 Rf8+ 21.Nf2 Bh4 22.Qe4 g3 23.Bf4 g5 24.Be5 Kb8 25.Rd1 a6 0-1 (52) Diekmann,J-Mezouaghi,M Aubervilliers op rap 28th 2003]
[11.Bg2 Bd7 12.Nd2 *(12.Bf4 0-0-0 13.Bxd6 cxd6 14.Nd2 Rh5 15.0-0-0 Rdh8 16.Nf1 Ra5 17.a3 d5 18.Nd2 Rxa3 19.Bxd5 Ra1+ 20.Kc2 Rxd1 21.Kxd1 f5 22.e4 fxe4 23.Bxe4 g5 24.Re1 Qf7 25.Re2 Kb8 26.Qc4 Qf6* 1-0 (49) Christensen,A-Nielsen,J Denmark private game 1936*)* 12...0-0-0 13.Nc4 Rh5 14.e4 Rdh8 15.Kf2 f6 16.Kg1 Kb8 17.Be3 Qh7 18.Nxd6 cxd6 19.c4 Qe7 20.Qc3 Ka8 21.d5 Ne5 22.Qa5 b6 23.Bxb6 Bc8 24.c5 Nc4 25.Qa4 Nxb2 ½-½ (43) Dittrich,U-Leisebein,P SZ006 DESC-TURNIER 2000]

11...Bf5 12.e4 Be6 13.Bg2 White is slightly better. **13...0-0-0 14.Qe2** Black must now prevent e4-e5. **14...Rde8** 0.68/18

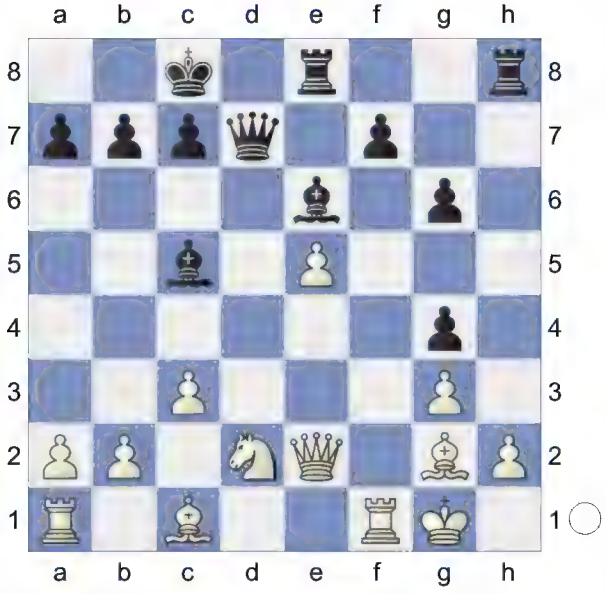
[14...Rxh2= 0.19/20 was preferable. 15.Rxh2 *(15.e5 Rxg2 16.Qxg2 Bxe5-+)* 15...Bxg3+ 16.Kd1 Bxh2]

15.e5± Qd7 16.0-0

[16.exd6 Bf5 *(16...Bc4 17.Nxc4 Rxe2+ 18.Kxe2+-)* 17.Ne4 Bxe4 18.Bxe4 f5∓]

[16.Ne4 simplifies Bxe5 17.Be3 Bd5 18.dxe5 Bxe4 19.Bxe4 Rxe5]

16...Nxe5 Deflection **17.dxe5 Bc5+**

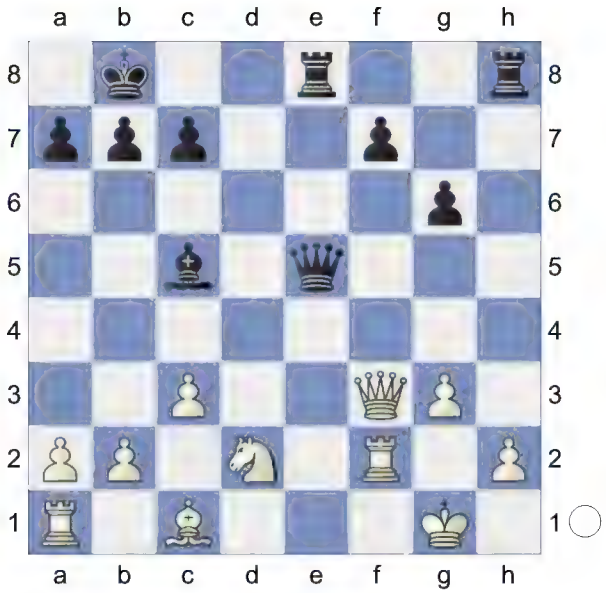


18.Rf2! Bd5 Prevents Nd2-e4 **19.Bxd5 Qxd5 20.Qxg4+ Kb8 21.Qf3** -0.01/23

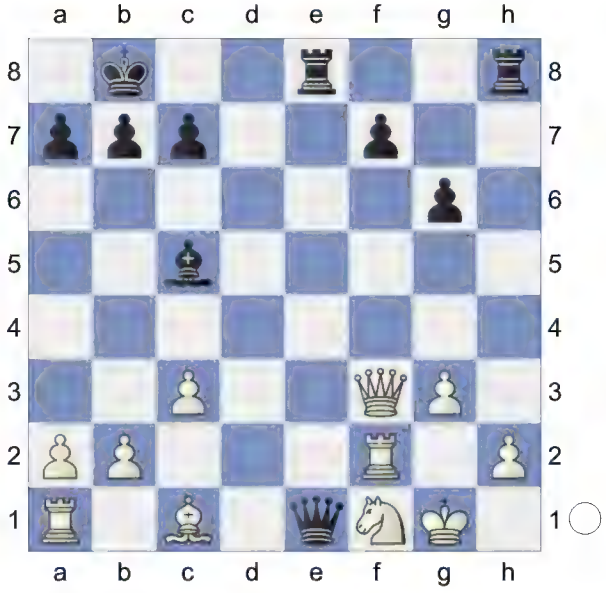
[21.Nf1± 0.38/23 Qxe5 22.Qf3]

21...Qxe5=

(Diagram)



22.Nf1! Qe1



and ...Rh8-h5 should not be overlooked. Pin **23.Be3! Rxe3**

[23...Qxa1 24.Bxc5 Qxa2 25.Qxf7 Qxf7 26.Rxf7±]

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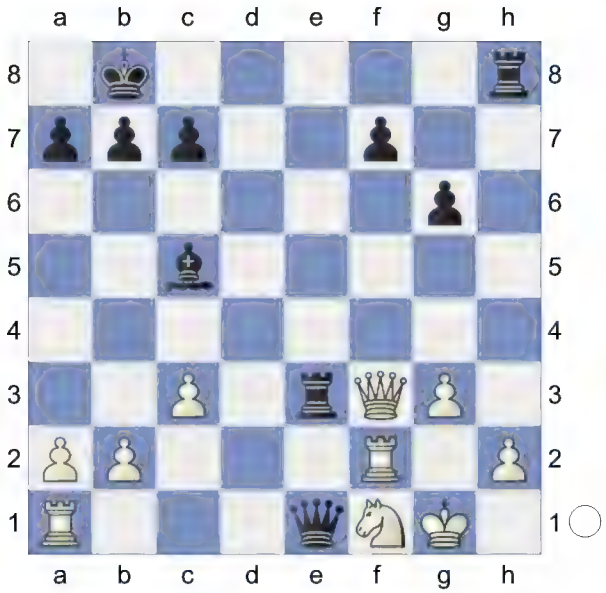
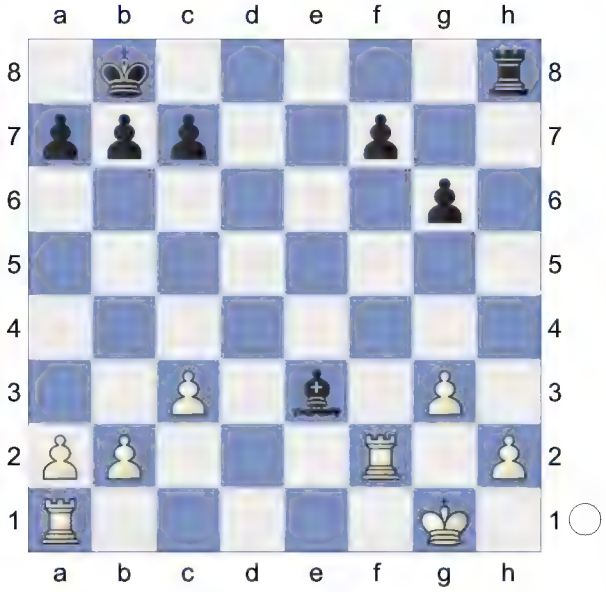


24.Qxe3! **Qxe3** **25.Nxe3** **Bxe3±**
Endgame

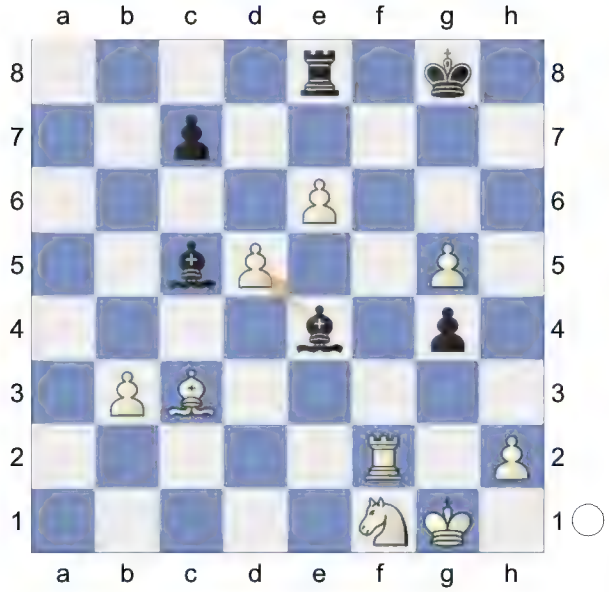


Pin. KRR-KRB **26.Raf1** **Rh7**
[26...Kc8 27.Kg2]
27.Kg2 **Bxf2** **28.Rxf2=** KR-KR **28...Kc8** **29.Rd2** **Rh5** **30.h4** **Re5** **31.Kf3** **Rf5+** **32.Ke3** **Re5+** **33.Kf2** **Rf5+** **34.Kg1** **Re5** **35.Kf2** **Rf5+**
Weighted Error Value: White=0.10 (very precise) /Black=0.04 (flawless)
½-½

22 **A02**
□ **Stockfish** **3601**
■ **Lczero D Tilps Dje Magi** **3586**
TCEC 20 Superfinal 2020 (35.1) 21.01.21
[Kitty Kat]

A02: Bird's Opening
1.f4 e5 2.fxe5 d6 3.exd6 Bxd6 4.Nf3 g5 5.g3 g4 6.Nh4 Ne7 7.d4 Ng6 8.Nxg6 hxg6 9.Qd3 Nc6 10.c3 Be6N
[10...Bf5 11.e4 Qe7 12.Bg2 0-0-0 13.0-0 *(13.Bf4 Bxf4 14.gxf4 Rh3 15.Qe2 Qh4+ 16.Kd1 Re8 17.d5 Nd8 18.Nd2 Rxh2 19.Rxh2 Qxh2* 0-1 Rauzer With F4 (2405)-Borovlev,R (2360) 70/(376) Nova Gorica 1997*)* 13...Ne5 14.Qe3 *(14.Qc2 Rxh2 15.Rxf5 Rxg2+ 16.Kxg2 gxf5 17.dxe5 Qxe5 18.Bf4 Qh8 19.Na3 Qh3+* 0-1 Satz-Kudaschev corr_285495 1975*)* 14...Bd7 15.Nd2 f5 16.Rf2 Rdf8 17.Nf1 Bb5 18.exf5 Rxf5 10.Kh1 Nc6 11.Be3 Re8-12) Black Develops 8...Nge7 9 6: World Championship Match 1985]
[10...Qe7 11.Bg2 Bd7 12.Nd2 0-0-0 13.Nc4 Rh5 14.e4 Rdh8 15.Kf2 f6 16.Kg1 Kb8 17.Be3 Qh7 18.Nxd6 cxd6 19.c4 Qe7 20.Qc3 Ka8 21.d5 Ne5 22.Qa5 b6 23.Bxb6 Bc8 24.c5 Nc4 25.Qa4 ½-½ (43) Dittrich,U-Leisebein,P SZ006 DESC-TURNIER 2000]
11.Bg2 **Qe7** **12.Nd2** **f5** Repels Nd2-e4. White is slightly better. **13.0-0** 0.17/22
[13.Bxc6+ bxc6 14.0-0 Rh3=]
[13.Nc4± 0.57/21 is superior.]
13...Qh7= **14.Bxc6+** **bxc6** **15.Rf2** **a5** **16.c4** **a4** **17.Nf1!** **Qf7** **18.b3** **axb3** **19.Qc3!** **0-0**
[19...Rxa2 20.d5 0-0 21.Rxa2 *(21.dxe6 Qxe6 22.Rb1 Rxe2+-; 21.Bb2? Rxb2 22.Qxb2 cxd5-+)*

21...bxa2 22.Bb2± *(22.dxe6 Qf6=)*]
[19...Bxc4? 20.axb3 *(20.d5 Rh7=)* 20...Rxa1 21.Qxa1+-]
20.axb3 Rxa1 21.Qxa1 Rb8 22.Qc3 Bf8 23.e3 Bg7 24.Qd3 Ra8 25.Bb2 Qd7 26.Bc3 Bf7 27.Nd2 Re8 28.Bb4 Qe6 29.Nf1 Bh6 30.Re2 g5 31.Ba5 Re7 32.Bb4 -0.01/17
[32.Bc3± 0.62/19]
32...Re8 33.e4 f4
[33...fxe4 34.Qd1±]
34.e5 Bg6 35.Qd1 Ra8 36.Bc3 Qf5 37.Rf2 Qd3! Prevents Nf1-e3. **38.Qxd3**
[Reject 38.Qxg4 Qxc3∓]
38...Bxd3 39.e6 Re8 40.d5
[40.gxf4 gxf4 41.Bd2 Rxe6 42.Bxf4 Bg7 43.Be5]
40...Bf8 41.gxf4 The position is equal.
[41.dxc6? perishes. Bc5 *(41...Rxe6 42.b4∓)* 42.gxf4 gxf4-+ *(42...Bxf2+? 43.Kxf2 gxf4 44.Be5-+)*]
41...Bc5 Pin **42.fxg5 cxd5 43.cxd5 Be4**



44.Ng3! Bxd5

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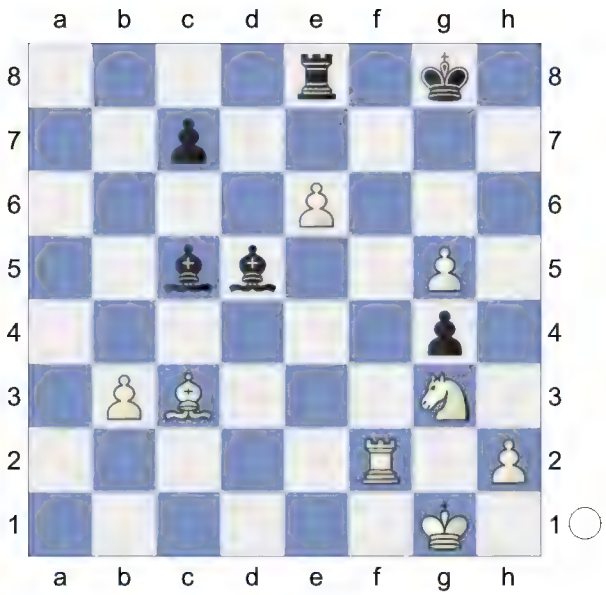
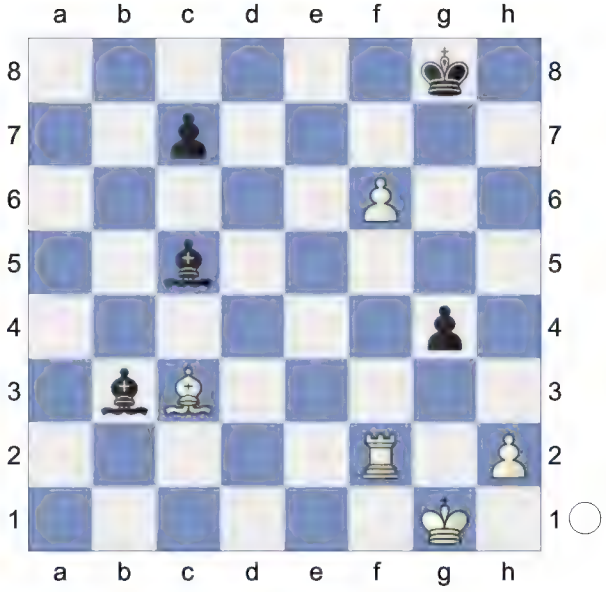


A strong pair of Bishops. **45.Nh5!** and Nh5-f6+ would now be decisive
45...Rxe6
[45...Bxf2+ simplifies 46.Kxf2 Rxe6 47.Nf6+ Rxf6+ 48.Bxf6 Bxb3 49.Kg3 Be6]
46.Nf6+ Rxf6! 47.gxf6 Bxb3



48.Kg2! Bxf2 49.Kxf2 Endgame KB-KB **49...Kf7 50.Ke3 Kg6 51.Ke4 Bg8 52.Be5 c5 53.Kd3 g3** Threatens to win with ...g3-g2. **54.hxg3 Bf7 55.Bd6 Kxf6**
Weighted Error Value: White=0.10 (very

precise) /Black=0.06 (flawless)
½-½

23 **A03**
□ **Stockfish** **3796**
■ **Komodo** **3743**
TCEC 18 Premier 2020 (26.2) 07.06.2020
[Kitty Kat]

A03: Bird's Opening with 1...d5
1.f4 d5 2.Nf3 Nf6 3.e3 g6 4.Be2 Bg7 5.0-0 0-0 6.d3 c5 7.Qe1 Nc6 8.Nc3 d4 9.Nd1 dxe3
[9...b6 10.e4 Nb4 11.Qd2 Nc6 12.a3 Qd7 13.Qe1 Ba6 14.Nf2 Rad8 15.Ne5 Qc7 16.Nxc6 Qxc6 17.b3 Bc8 18.Bf3 Qc7 19.Nd1 e6 20.Bd2 Ne8 21.Nb2 Nd6 22.Qg3 Bb7 23.a4 a6 24.Qh3 ½-½ (82) Arnold,G (2406)-Dutra,A (2434) WS/MN/004 ICCF server 2005]
10.Nxe3 e6N Black is slightly better.
[10...Nd5 11.Nc4 Qc7 12.Qh4 b5 13.Nce5 Nd4 14.Bd1 Nf5 15.Qf2 *(15.Qe1 f6 16.Ng4 c4 17.dxc4 bxc4 18.c3 Rb8 19.Qe4 Qc5+ 20.Nf2 Nde3 21.b4 cxb3 22.Bxe3 Nxe3 23.Bxb3+ Rxb3 24.axb3 f5 25.Qd3 Nxf1 26.Kxf1 a5 27.Rc1 Bb7 28.c4 Bh6 29.g3 Qc6* 0-1 (36) Hayward,K (2300)-Fleetwood,D (2495) USCCC9 final 9193 1991) 15...f6 16.Ng4 Nd6 17.Nh4 g5 18.Bf3 Nb6 19.Bxa8 Nxa8 20.Ne3 gxh4 21.Nd5 Qb7 22.Qxc5 Be6 23.Ne3 h3 24.Rf2 f5 25.gxh3 0-1 (52) Kovacevic,A (2360)-Baron,T (2495) Elitzur IMA Summer 2020 Rc8 26.Qb4 Nb6 27.Qe1 Nd5 28.c3 Nxe3 29.Bxe3 Bd5 30.a4 Rc6 31.axb5 Nxb5 32.Kf1 Rg6 33.Qd2 Bf3 34.Bc5 Bf6 35.Re1 Bh4 36.Re3 Bxf2 37.Qxf2 Bh5 38.Rg3 Nc7 39.Kg1 Ne6 40.Be3 0-1 (52) Callaway,J-Hansen,J CCLA ch-3 corr USA 1987]
11.c3 Nd5 12.Qh4 Qxh4 13.Nxh4 Rd8 14.g3 Nde7 15.a4 Na5 16.Nf3 b6 17.Kf2 Bb7 18.Nd2 Rac8 19.Rb1 Bc6 20.Ra1 Bb7 -0.01/19
[20...Bd5∓ -0.38/18]
21.Rb1= h6 22.Nec4 Nec6 23.Na3 Rd7 24.Rd1 Bf8 25.Nf3 f6 26.Be3 Ne7 27.Nc4! Nxc4 28.dxc4 Rcd8 29.Rxd7 Rxd7 30.g4 Be4 31.Ra1 Nc6 32.Nd2 Bc2 33.h4 f5 34.Rc1 Bd3 The position is equal. **35.Bxd3 Rxd3 36.gxf5 exf5 37.h5 gxh5 38.Rh1 Kf7 39.Rxh5 Kg6 40.Rh1 Bg7 41.Nf3 Bf6 42.Rg1+ Kh7 43.Rb1 Na5 44.Ne5**
Weighted Error Value: White=0.03 (flawless) /Black=0.06 (flawless)
½-½

24 **A03**
□ **Komodo** **3743**
■ **Stockfish** **3796**
TCEC 18 Premier 2020 (19.2) 03.06.2020
[Kitty Kat]

A03: Bird's Opening with 1...d5
1.f4 d5 2.Nf3 Nf6 3.e3 g6 4.Be2 Bg7 5.0-0 0-0 6.d3 c5 7.Qe1 Nc6 8.Nc3 d4 9.Nd1 dxe3
[9...b6 10.e4 Nb4 11.Qd2 Nc6 12.a3 Qd7 13.Qe1 Ba6 14.Nf2 Rad8 15.Ne5 Qc7 16.Nxc6 Qxc6 17.b3 Bc8 18.Bf3 Qc7 19.Nd1 e6 20.Bd2 Ne8 21.Nb2 Nd6 22.Qg3 Bb7 23.a4 a6 24.Qh3 ½-½ (82) Arnold,G (2406)-Dutra,A (2434) WS/MN/004 ICCF server 2005]
10.Nxe3 Qc7 Prevents Nf3-e5. Black is slightly better. **11.Qh4N**

[11.Nc4 Nd5 12.Qh4 Nd4 *(12...b5 13.Nce5 Nd4 14.Bd1 Nf5 15.Qf2 f6 16.Ng4 Nd6 17.Nh4 g5 18.Bf3 Nb6 19.Bxa8 Nxa8 20.Ne3 gxh4 21.Nd5 Qb7 22.Qxc5 Be6 23.Ne3 h3 24.Rf2 f5 25.gxh3 Rc8 26.Qb4 Nb6 27.Qe1* 0-1 (52) Callaway,J (2360)-Fleetwood,D (2495) NAPZ (APTB) ch-2 1994 *)* 13.Nxd4 Bxd4+ 14.Kh1 Be6 15.c3 Bg7 16.a4 Rad8 17.Bf3 Nb6 18.Nxb6 Bf6 19.Qf2 axb6 20.Be4 Bd5 21.f5 Qc6 22.Bh6 Bg7 23.Bxg7 Kxg7 24.Rae1 Rde8 25.Bxd5 Qxd5 1-0 (37) Koolhoven,M-Goes,C Moscow-Budapest Match 1949 26.Rxe7 Rxe7 27.f6+ Kg8 28.fxe7 Re8 29.c4 Qe6 30.Re1 Qd6 31.Qe3 Kg7 32.Qe4 Qd7 33.h3 h6 34.b3 Qc6 35.Qxc6 bxc6 36.a5 bxa5 37.Re5 1-0 Hayward,K-Thompson,G corr 173765]

11...Nd4 12.Re1 -0.77/19

[12.Bd1∓ -0.35/18 is more appropriate.]

12...b5 Black is more active. **13.a4 Nxe2+! 14.Rxe2 c4 15.axb5** -1.11/19

[15.d4∓ -0.67/17]

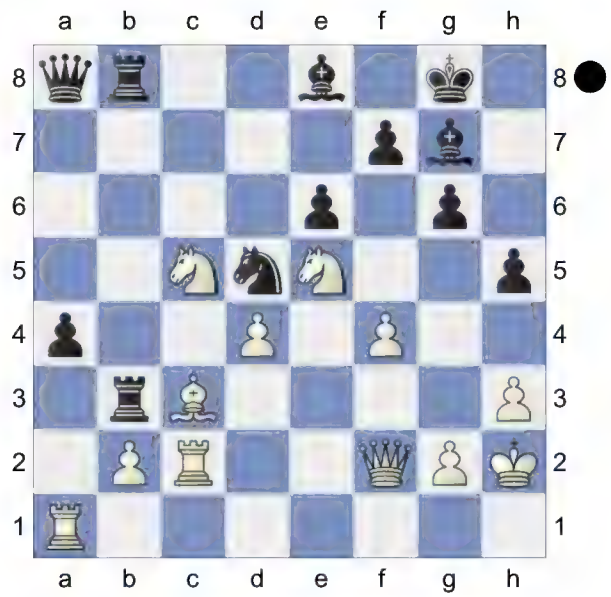
15...cxd3∓ 16.cxd3 Qd7 17.Ne5 Qxb5 18.Nd1 Be6 -0.80/20

[⌓18...Nd5 -1.16/18 19.Nc3 Nxc3 20.bxc3 Bf5]

19.Nc3 Qb4 20.Be3 a5 21.h3 Rfc8 22.Ra4 Qd6 23.Ra3 Nd7 24.d4 Nf6 25.Na4 Bd7 This pair of bishops is nice. **26.Nc5 Be8 27.Qf2 a4 28.Rc2 Nd5 29.Kh2 h5 30.Bd2 e6 31.Ra1 Ne7 32.Bc3 Ra7 33.Ne4 Qb8 34.Ra3 Rd8 35.Ra1 Qa8 36.Re1 Nd5 37.Bd2 Rc8 38.Rc5 Ra6 39.Rec1 Rb8 40.R5c2 Ne7 41.Nc5 Ra7 42.Ncd3 Rab7 43.Bc3 Nd5 44.Ra1 Rb3** -0.79/19

[⌓44...Nxc3 -1.20/19 45.Rxc3 Rb3 46.Rxb3 Rxb3]

45.Nc5



Nxc3! 46.bxc3

[46.Nxb3 Ne4 47.Qe3 f6 *(47...Rxb3? 48.Qxb3 axb3 49.Rxa8+-)*]

46...Rb1 47.Rca2 Rxa1 48.Rxa1 Qa5 49.Qe3 Qa8 0.01/18

[49...Ra8∓ -0.95/17]

50.Qf2!= Rd8 Against Ne5-d7 **51.Qh4 Rc8!**

[51...a3 52.Rxa3 Qd5 53.Qe7±]

52.Qe1 Qa5

[52...a3?! 53.Qc1=]

53.Rb1

[53.Nxg6? Rxc5 54.Qh4 *(54.dxc5? Bxc3 55.Qg3 Bxa1-+)* 54...Rxc3-+]

53...Qd8 54.Qe3 Bh6 -0.79/19

[Black should play 54...a3 -1.35/20 55.Rg1 g5]

55.Rb2 Rb8 56.Ra2 -1.28/20

[⌓56.Rf2 -0.81/20]

56...Rb1∓ 57.c4 Rf1 58.Ncd3 Rb1 0.01/15

[Black should try 58...Kh7∓ -1.23/18 59.Qe4 Rb1]

59.Nc5= Qb8 60.Qf2 Prevents Rb1-f1.

[60.Nxa4? Rf1 61.Qd3 *(61.Rb2? Qxb2 62.Nxb2 Bxf4+-+)* 61...Bxf4+

62.g3 Bxe5 63.Qxf1 Bxd4-+
(63...Bxg3+? 64.Kg2-+)]

60...Qb4 Hoping for ...a4-a3. **61.Ne4 a3** -0.47/22

[Better is 61...Kg7!∓ -1.46/21 And now ...f7-f6 would win. 62.c5 Qb3]

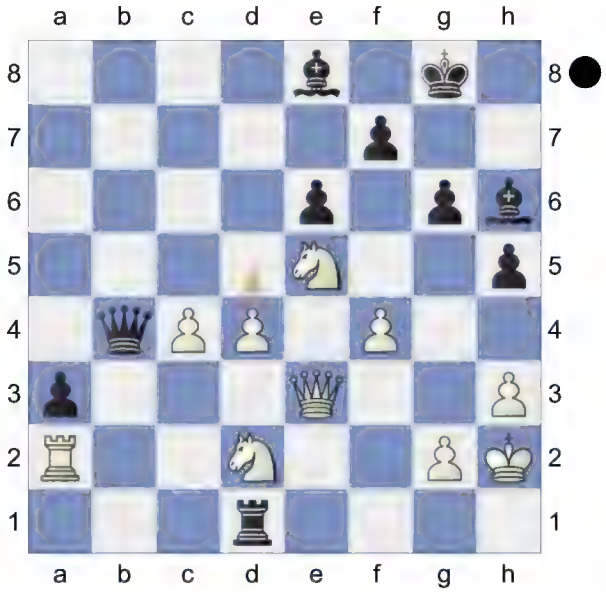
62.Nd2 -1.73/21

[62.Nf6+∓ -0.47/22 Kf8 63.Qf3]

62...Rd1!-+

[62...Rb2 63.Nd3 Qb8 *(63...Qc3 64.Nxb2 axb2 65.Ra8+-)* 64.Rxa3=]

63.Qe3



Repels Qb4-c3 **63...Rxd2!** **64.Rxd2 Qb1!** Dodges Rd2-a2. aiming for ...a3-a2.

[64...f6 65.Nf3 Qxc4 66.Rf2∓]

65.Qf2

[65.Qxa3? Bxf4+ 66.g3 Bxd2-+]

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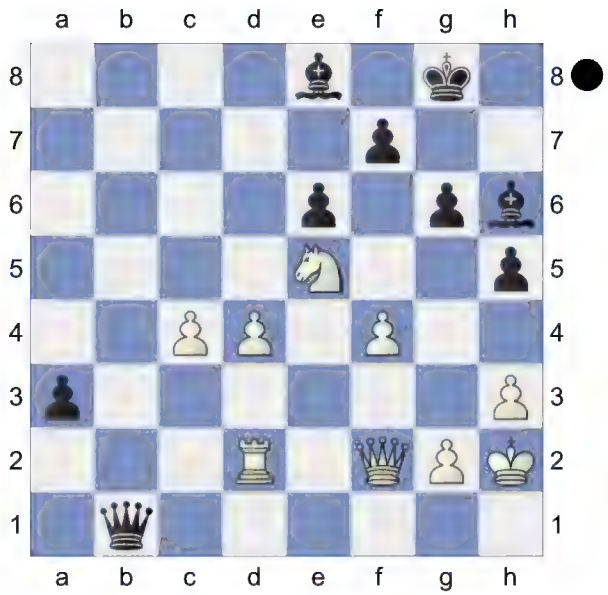
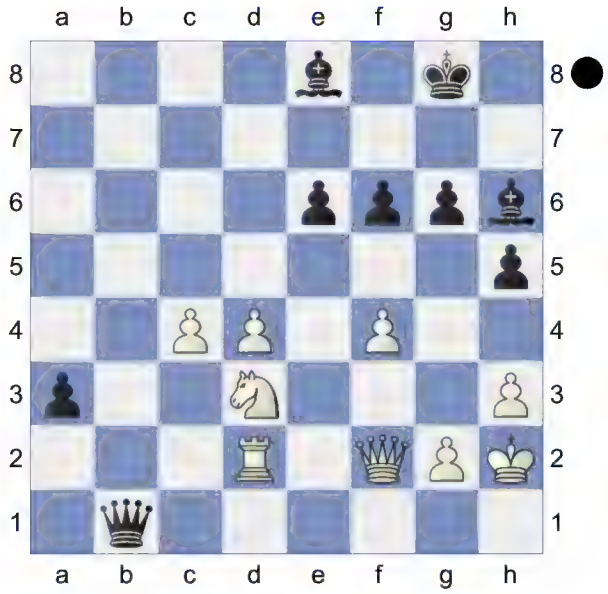


65...f6!↑ Keeping White busy. **66.Nd3** -2.35/22

[66.Ra2∓ -1.39/21 fxe5 67.Rxa3]



66...a2! Deflection **67.Rxa2 Qxd3 68.Ra8 Kf8 69.h4**

[69.Qg3 Qxd4 70.Rxe8+ *(70.Qxg6? Bxf4+ 71.g3 Qf2+ 72.Kh1 Qf3+ 73.Kh2 Bxg3+ 74.Qxg3 Qxa8-+)* 70...Kf7-+]

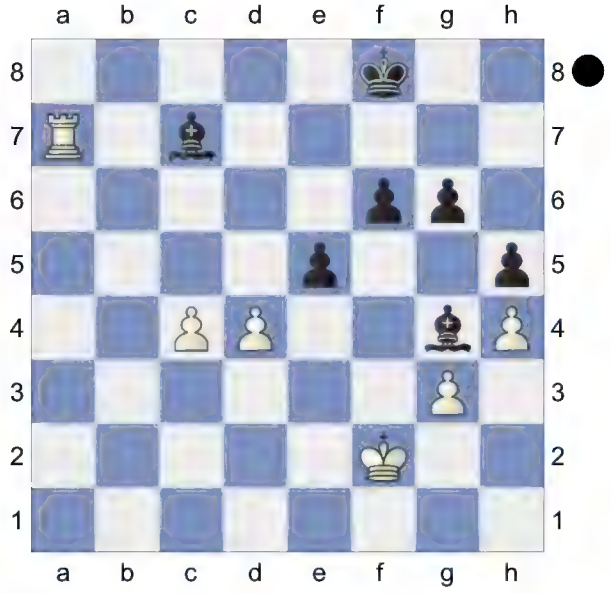
69...Qe4 Inhibits g2-g3. **70.Ra1** -2.66/21

[⌓70.Rc8 -1.77/22]

70...Qxf4+

[70...Bxf4+ 71.g3 Bd6 72.Qxf6+ Kg8 73.Ra2=]

71.Kg1 Bc6 72.Qxf4 Bxf4 73.Kf2 Against Bf4-e3+ **73...Be4 74.g3 Bc7 75.Ke3 Bf5 76.Kf3 Bg4+ 77.Kf2 e5 78.Ra7**



Bd8! 79.Ra8 Ke7 80.Ke3 Bc7 81.dxe5 Bb6+ Black is clearly winning.

[Much less strong is 81...Bxe5 82.Kf2-+]

[But not 81...fxe5 82.Ra7 Kd7 83.Ke4-+]

82.Ke4 fxe5 83.Ra1 -6.81/23

[⌓83.Kxe5 -4.52/23 Bc7+ Skewer 84.Kd4 Bxg3 85.Ke4]

83...Bd4 84.Ra4 Bd7 85.Ra2 Kd6 86.Ra6+ Bc6+ 87.Kd3 Kc5 88.Ra5+ Weighted Error Value: White=0.11 (very precise) /Black=0.11 (very precise)

0-1

25 **A03**

□ **Karthik,Venkataraman** **2603**

■ **Erenburg,Sergey** **2510**

Wch Blitz New York (9) 30.12.2024

[Kitty Kat]

A03: Bird's Opening with 1...d5

1.f4 d5 2.Nf3 Nf6 3.g3 g6 4.Bg2 Bg7 5.0-0 c5 6.d3 Nc6 7.c3 0-0 8.Na3 b6 9.Qe1N is the legacy move (9.Qc2). ist old school (9.Dc2).

[9.Qc2 a5 10.e4 Ba6 11.e5 Ne8 12.c4 Nc7 13.Re1 Qd7 14.Be3 Rac8 15.Rac1 Nb4 16.Qb1 Bird Leningrad Mainline-8...b6]

[9.Qa4 Bd7 10.Qc2 d4 11.Nc4 *(11.e4 e5 12.Nc4 Ng4 13.a4 Be6 14.h3 Bxc4 15.hxg4 Ba6 16.c4 f6 17.g5 fxg5 18.Nxg5 Qe7 19.Bh3 Bh6 20.Be6+ Kg7 21.Bd5 Nb4 22.Qe2 Nxd5 23.exd5 Bxg5 24.fxg5 Rxf1+ 25.Qxf1 Rf8* Breuer,S (2018)-Roynet,S (2014) ICCF 2024 Fernschach2025 [Kurzanalyse Schleuter] 1-0 (45)) 11...Rc8 12.e4 dxe3 13.Nxe3 Ng4 14.Nxg4 Bxg4 15.Ng5 Qd7 16.Ne4 Rfd8 17.Nf2 Bf5 18.Be4 h5 19.Qe2 Re8 20.Bxf5 Qxf5 21.Ne4 Red8 22.Bd2 Rd5 23.Rad1 Rcd8 De Francisco Sanabria,C-Bichsel,W (2310) Mexico City 1980 MCD [ChessBase II] 0-1 (74)]

[9.Ne5 Bb7 10.Nxc6 Bxc6 11.Nc4 dxc4 12.Bxc6 Rc8 13.Bg2 cxd3 14.exd3 Qd7 15.Qe2 Rfd8 16.Rd1 Nd5 17.Bd2 e6 18.a4 h5 19.Be1 a6 20.Bf2 Qc7 21.Qc2 Rd6 22.Qb3 b5 23.axb5 axb5 1.g3 e5 2.♗g2 d5 3.d3 ♘c6 (57)]

9...Ba6 10.Rb1 d4N

[10...Qd6 11.Kh1 -0.62/17 *(11.b4!=* -0.18/18 *Nd8 12.c4)* 11...Rad8

12.Nc2 Rfe8 13.b4 cxb4 -0.06/20 *(13...Nb8∓ -0.47/18)* 14.cxb4= Black must now prevent b5. Bb5 15.Bb2 Prevents e5. Ng4 0.12/20 *(⌓15...Nh5 -0.20/17)* 16.Bxg7= Kxg7 ½-½ Vitiugov,N (2727)-Sveshnikov,V (2419) Riga Tal Memorial rapid 2019 (7)]

11.b4 Black is slightly better. **11...cxb4**

12.cxb4 And now b5 would win.

12...Bb7 -0.13/19

[12...b5!∓ -0.62/21 is more appropriate.]

13.b5= Na5 14.Bd2 Nd5 15.Ne5 Rc8 16.Nac4 -0.93/21

[16.Bxa5= 0.13/21 keeps the balance. bxa5 17.Qf2]

16...Nc3 -0.07/21

[16...Nxc4∓ -0.93/21 17.dxc4 Bxe5]

17.Bxb7 Nxb7 18.Bxc3 dxc3 19.Qxc3 Nd6 20.Qa3 next Nxd6 is good for White. **20...Nxc4 21.Nxc4 Qd5 22.Rf3**

[22.Qxa7? Bd4+ 23.Rf2 *(23.e3? Rxc4 24.exd4 Rc2-+)* 23...Ra8-+]

[22.Qxe7 Rfe8 23.Qd6 Bd4+ 24.Rf2 Bxf2+ 25.Kxf2 Qh5∓]

22...Rfd8 23.Qb3

[23.Qxa7 Ra8 24.Qc7 *(24.Qxe7 Re8∓)* 24...Rdc8 25.Qxe7 Re8∓]

23...Rc5 24.a4 e5 0.61/22

[24...Qe6= 0.01/17]

25.fxe5± Bxe5 26.e4 0.13/20

[26.Nxe5± 0.48/21 Qxb3 27.Rxb3 Rxe5 28.Kf2]

26...Bd4+= 27.Kg2 Qe6 28.Rbf1 Rd7

[28...Rh5 29.Kh1± *(29.h4 Kh8±)*]

29.h3 Rh5 30.g4 Rc5 31.Qa2 h5 32.Rg3 -1.25/21

[32.gxh5!= -0.01/21 remains equal. Rg5+ 33.Kh1]

32...Be5∓ Deflection **33.Re3 hxg4 34.Qe2 Bd4 35.Rg3 gxh3+ 36.Kh1 Be5** -1.12/21

[36...a6-+ -1.80/20 37.bxa6 Ra7]

37.Rg4 -1.99/20

[37.Nxe5∓ -1.12/21 Rxe5 38.Qb2 *(38.Qf3 Rc5∓)*]

37...Bg7 -1.58/18

[37...Bc7-+ -1.99/20 38.Rh4 Bd8]

38.Rg3 Rh5 39.Rgf3 h2 40.Qg2 Against Rg5 **40...Rh4 41.Qg3 Rg4** 0.77/22

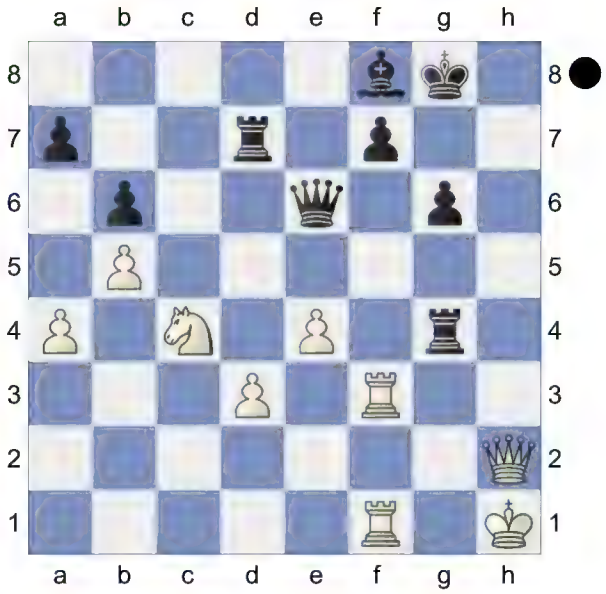
[41...Rh6∓ -0.56/19 keeps the upper hand.]

42.Qb8+±

[42.Qxh2? g5 43.Rh3 *(43.Qb8+? Bf8-+)* 43...Rh4 44.Rxh4 gxh4-+]

42...Bf8 43.Qxh2? -4.60/23

[43.Ne5± 0.85/25 keeps the pressure on. Rg1+ 44.Rxg1 hxg1N 45.Kxg1]



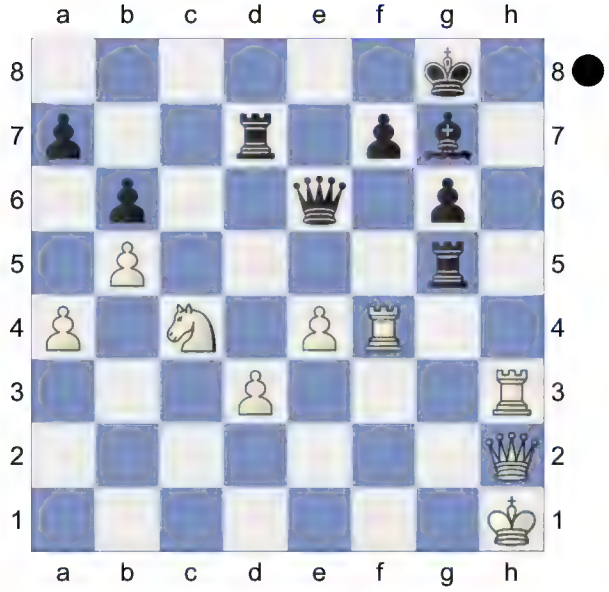
Really sharp! &Bianco is more active.

43...Rg5? 0.01/23

[43...Rxd3!-+ -4.60/23 44.Ne3 *(44.Rxd3? Qxe4+ 45.Rdf3 Rh4-+)* 44...Qxe4 45.Nxg4 Rxf3 46.Rxf3 Qxf3+ 47.Qg2 Qd1+ 48.Qg1 Qd5+ 49.Qg2 Qd1+ 50.Qg1 Qf3+ 51.Qg2 Qd1+]

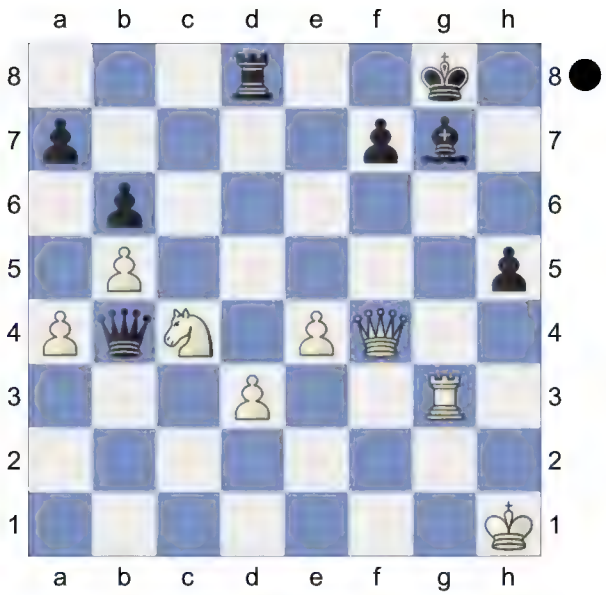
44.Rh3= White threatens Rh8+ and mate. **44...Bg7** Inhibits Rh8+. ...Bf6 is

the strong threat. **45.Qb8+ Bf8⇄**
Black has counterplay **46.Qh2**
Threatening mate with Rh8+. **46...Bg7**
Prevents Rh8+. Strongly threatening ... Bf6. **47.Rf4** -7.63/22
[47.Qb8+= -0.01/17 Bf8 48.Qh2]



47...Qe7? -1.22/22
[47...Qxc4!!-+ -7.63/22 and Black stays clearly on top. 48.Rf1 Qxa4 49.Qb8+ Bf8]
48.Rfh4? -10.13/22
[48.Qd2∓ -1.22/22]
48...Rh5? 0.03/20
[48...Qf6-+ -10.13/22 (-> ...Qf1+) 49.Qb8+ Rd8 50.Qxd8+ Qxd8]
49.Rxh5 gxh5 50.Qb8+
[Don't play 50.Rxh5 Rxd3 51.Qf4 Rd4∓]
50...Rd8 51.Qf4 Qb4 52.Rg3 -0.53/24
[White should try 52.Kh2= -0.01/20]

(Diagram)

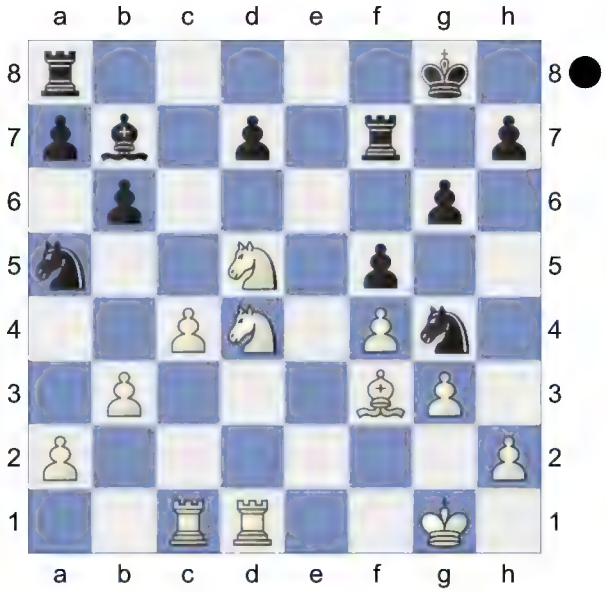


52...Qe1+? 6.43/22
[52...Qb1+ 53.Rg1 Qxd3 54.Ne3=]
[52...Rxd3!∓ -0.53/24 53.Rxd3 *(53.Qb8+? Kh7-+)* 53...Qe1+ 54.Kh2 Qe2+ 55.Kg3 Qxd3+ 56.Ne3 Qb3]
53.Rg1+- Qe2 54.Qf6 Qg4 55.Rxg4 hxg4 56.Qxd8+ Kh7 57.Qh4+
Weighted Error Value: White=0.48/ Black=0.85
1-0

26 **A02**
□ **Vachier Lagrave,Maxime** **2779**
■ **So,Wesley** **2754**
7th Norway Blitz 2019 (1.4) 03.06.2019
[Kitty Kat]

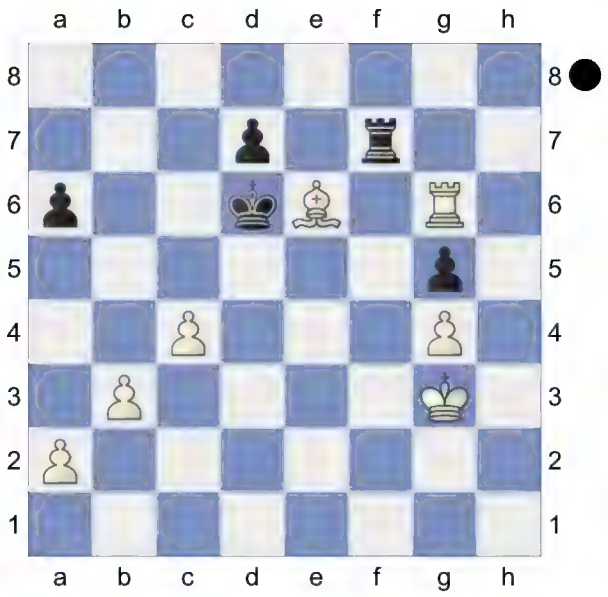
A02: Bird's Opening
1.f4 f5 2.g3 g6 3.Bg2 Bg7 4.c4 c5 5.Nc3 Nc6 6.e3 e6 7.Nge2 Nf6 8.b3
The position is equal. **8...0-0 9.Bb2 b6 10.0-0 Bb7 11.d4 Ng4 12.Bc1 cxd4 13.exd4 Nf6** 0.57/20
[13...d5∓ -0.37/20]
14.Ba3± Rf7 0.89/21
[14...Re8± 0.37/22]
15.d5± Na5 16.Rc1 Bf8 17.Bxf8 Qxf8

18.Qd4 Qc5 0.99/21
[18...exd5± 0.62/21 19.Nxd5 *(19.Bxd5 Nxd5 20.Nxd5 Nc6=)* 19...Bxd5 20.Bxd5 Nxd5 21.Qxd5 *(21.cxd5 Nb7=)* 21...Nc6]
19.Rfd1 Ng4 1.63/19
[19...Re8± 1.02/19]
20.Bf3 Qxd4+ 2.80/21
[20...Nf6± 1.54/19 21.Nb5 Ne8]
21.Nxd4+- exd5 22.Nxd5
[22.Bxd5?! Bxd5 23.Nxd5 Nf6 24.Nxf6+ Rxf6±]



22...Nf6 23.Nb5 Bxd5 24.Rxd5
[24.Bxd5?! Nxd5 25.Rxd5 Nb7±]
24...Nc6
[24...Nxd5? 25.Bxd5 Re8 26.Nd6+- *(26.Bxf7+ Kxf7 27.Nd6+ Kf8+-; 26.Nxa7 Re2+-)*]
25.Rd6 a6 1.92/21
[25...Kg7± 1.19/21 is a better defense. 26.Kf1 *(26.Bxc6 dxc6 27.Rxc6 Rd8±)* 26...Rc8]
26.Nd4 0.67/22
[26.Bxc6 dxc6 27.Nd4 c5±]
[26.Nc7+- 1.92/21 Rc8 27.Nxa6]
26...Nxd4!± 27.Rxd4
[27.Bxa8? loses. Ne2+ 28.Kf1 Nxc1-+]
27...Rb8 28.Rd6 Ne8 29.Rd3 White has more active pieces. **29...Kf8**
30.Rcd1 Rd8 1.47/19
[⌓30...Nf6 0.88/19]
31.Kf2 0.90/19
[Better is 31.Bc6 1.47/19]
31...Re7± 32.h3 h6 1.18/20
[⌓32...h5 0.77/21]
33.g4 fxg4 34.hxg4 Kg7 35.Kg3 0.84/20
[⌓35.Re3 1.24/19 Rxe3 36.Kxe3]
35...Rf7 1.99/23
[35...g5± 0.84/20]
36.Re1 Nc7 2.66/21
[⌓36...Nf6 1.82/20 37.Rd6 h5]
37.Rd6+- Rdf8 38.Rxb6 Rb6-b7 would now be deadly. **38...Rxf4** 2.66/22
[⌓38...Ne6 1.78/22 39.Rxa6 Nxf4]
39.Re7+ R8f7 40.Rxf7+ Rxf7 Endgame KRB-KRN **41.Be4 g5** 3.33/22
[⌓41...Ne6 2.09/21 42.Rxa6 h5]
42.Rg6+ Kf8 43.Rxh6 Ne6 44.Bf5 Ke7? 4.24/22
[44...Nd4 2.55/23]
45.Rg6 2.44/21
[⌓45.Bxe6 4.24/22 dxe6 46.Rg6]
45...Kd6? 4.22/23
[45...Rg7 2.44/21 46.Rxg7+ Nxg7]
46.Bxe6

(Diagram)



Remove Defender **46...dxe6 47.Rxg5** KR-KR. White is two pawns up. **47...e5 48.Rg6+ Kc5 49.Rxa6 e4 50.g5 e3 51.Re6** Against Rf7-e7 **51...Kd4 52.g6 Rf8** 8.70/26
[⌓52...Rf1 4.09/24 53.Kh2 Rf5]
53.g7
Weighted Error Value: White=0.29 (precise) /Black=0.51
1-0

27 **A03**
□ **Carlsen,Magnus** **2835**
■ **Iskusnyh,Sergei** **2440**
Titled Tue 1st Aug Early blitz (2) 1.8.23
[Kitty Kat]

A03: Bird's Opening with 1...d5
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[7.Qe1 c5 8.c3 0-0 9.a4 b4 10.cxb4 cxb4 11.Kh1 Nc6 12.Be3 Nd7 13.Nbd2 Bf6 14.Rb1 Re8 15.Nb3 a5 16.g4 g6 17.Qf2 Bg7 18.Nbd4 Nxd4 19.Bxd4 Rc8 20.Rbc1 Bxd4 21.Nxd4 Rxc1 1-0 (44) Molina,R (2851)-Hantel,T (2789) 14th Open Kavala GRE 2005 (5.2) 22.Rxc1 Qb6 23.Rf1 f6 24.h4 Rf8 25.Kg1 e5 26.Nb3 Qxf2+ 27.Kxf2 exf4 28.Nxa5 Ba8 29.Rc1 Ne5 30.Bf3 d4 31.Nc4 Bxf3 32.Nxe5 Bxe2 33.Nd7 Rf7 34.Nxf6+ Rxf6 35.Kxe2 Re6+ 36.Kf2 Kf7 1-0 (44) Carlsen,M (2839)-Nepomniachtchi,I (2771) Speed Chess Chess.com INT blitz 2023 (2.5) 37.a5 g5 38.hxg5 Kg6 39.Rc5 f3 40.Kxf3 Re3+ 41.Kf4 Rxd3 42.a6 Rd1 43.Ra5 d3 44.Ke3 1-0 Molina,R (2832)-Hantel,T (2808) Yerevan 41/567 1986 (5)]
[7.Nbd2 0-0 8.e4 dxe4 9.Ng5 Nbd7 10.dxe4 Bc5+ 11.Kh1 h6 12.Nh3 e5 ⊕10) 1.f4,1-1.f4 d5 2.Nf3 Nf6 3.g3 #2]
7...c5 8.a4 Black is slightly better. **8...b4 9.a5 0-0 10.Kh1** -0.88/17
[10.cxb4= 0.00/19 cxb4 11.Nbd2]
10...Na6 -0.48/17
[10...Nc6∓ -0.88/17 11.cxb4 Nxb4]
11.Be3∓ Qc7 12.Nbd2 c4 13.dxc4 dxc4 14.Bd4 Rfd8 15.e3 bxc3 16.bxc3 Nc5 17.Qe2 Nd3 0.78/20
[17...Rac8∓ -0.55/18 stays ahead.]
18.a6± Bc6 19.Nxc4 Bb5? 3.34/21
[19...Nc5± 1.09/19 keeps fighting.]

(Diagram)

20.Nb2+- Nxf4 21.Qxb5 Rab8? 6.60/20
[21...Nxg2 3.62/20 22.Qb7 *(22.Kxg2 Rac8+-)* 22...Qxb7 Remove Defender 23.axb7 Rab8 24.Kxg2 *(24.Rxa7 Nxe3 25.Bxe3 Rd7+-)* 24...Rxb7]
22.Qc4
Weighted Error Value: White=0.13 (very precise) /Black=0.63
1-0

28 **A03**
□ **Carlsen,Magnus** **2853**
■ **Llorente Zaro,A** **2441**
Titled Tue 18th Apr Late blitz (3) 18.4.23
[Kitty Kat]

A03: Bird's Opening with 1...d5
1.f4 d5 2.Nf3 g6 3.d3 Bg7 4.e4N
[4.c3 Nf6 5.Qc2 Bf5 *(5...Nbd7 6.e4 dxe4 7.dxe4 Nc5 8.Nbd2 Nfxe4 9.Nxe4 Bf5 10.Nfd2 Qd5* 0-1 Tomashevich,G-Nikolaev,L Kiev (Ukraine) 2000) 6.Nbd2 c6 7.e4 dxe4 8.dxe4 Bg4 9.Bc4 Qb6 10.Nb3 Nbd7 11.e5 Bf5 12.Qe2 Nd5 13.Nfd4 Be6 14.Nxe6 fxe6 15.Nd4 c5 16.Nb3 0-0 17.0-0 Rad8 18.Qg4 a5 0-1 (39) Morgan,J (1579)-Alzhin,L (1873) San Francisco Neil Falconer op 2013 (3)]
[4.g3 Nc6 5.Bg2 Bg4 6.0-0 Qd7 7.Nc3 0-0-0 8.Ng5 Bd4+ 9.Kh1 e6 10.h3 h5 11.Qd2 f6 12.Nf3 e5 13.Nxd4 exd4 14.hxg4 dxc3 15.bxc3 Qxg4 16.Qe3 h4 17.gxh4 Qxh4+ 18.Kg1 Nge7 0-1 (25) Flerov,A-Belousenko,A USSR corr 1973]
4...dxe4 5.dxe4 Qxd1+ 6.Kxd1 Nc6 7.c3 e5 8.Na3 -0.29/18
[8.fxe5 0.15/18 feels stronger. Nxe5 9.Bf4]
8...Be6 9.Bc4 Nf6 10.Bxe6 fxe6 11.Re1 0-0-0+ 12.Kc2 Rhf8 13.Nc4 Nd7
[13...exf4 is more complex. 14.Bxf4 Nh5 15.Be3 Nf4]
14.Ng5 Rde8 15.Nxh7 Rh8 16.Ng5 Rxh2 17.Re2 Bh6 ...e5xf4 is the strong threat. **18.Nf3**
[18.Nxe5 simplifies Ncxe5 19.fxe5 Bxg5 20.Bxg5 Rf8 21.a4]
18...Rh1 19.Ncxe5 Ndxe5 20.fxe5 Rd8 21.Re1 Inhibits Rd8-d1. **21...Rxe1 22.Nxe1 Bxc1 23.Rxc1 Nxe5 24.Nf3 Nxf3 25.gxf3=** Endgame KR-KR
25...Rf8 26.Rf1 Kd7 27.Kd3 e5 28.b4 Ke6 29.Ke3 Kf6 0.56/22
[29...Rh8= 0.01/23]
30.Rh1± Rf7 31.a4 c6 32.a5 a6 33.Rh8 Rd7 34.Re8 Rh7 0.87/27
[34...c5± 0.39/26]
35.Rd8± Ke6 Wards off Rd8-d6+
36.Rb8 Rd7 37.Rf8 0.29/25
[White should play 37.Kf2± 0.97/26]
37...Rh7 0.65/26
[37...Ke7= 0.29/25 38.Rb8 Ke6]
38.Kd3 Ke7 1.21/26
[Better is 38...Rf7!± 0.36/25 39.Rxf7 Kxf7]

39.Rg8 0.78/26
[⌓39.Rb8 1.21/26 Kf6 40.Kc4]
39...Kf6 40.Kc4 0.65/23
[40.Rd8± 1.01/23]
40...Rh3? 3.26/24
[40...Rf7!± 0.65/23]

41.Rb8? 0.96/24
[41.Kc5+- 3.26/24 has better winning chances.]
41...Kg5? 4.26/23
[41...g5± 0.96/24 is a better chance. 42.Kc5 *(42.Rxb7 Rxf3 43.Rb6 g4±)* 42...g4]
42.Rxb7+- Rxf3 43.Rb6 Kf4 6.70/20
[⌓43...Rf4 4.55/22 44.Rxa6 *(44.Rxc6 Rxe4+ 45.Kc5 Rf4+-)* 44...Rxe4+ 45.Kc5 Re3]
44.Rxa6 g5 45.Rxc6 Kxe4 46.a6 Rf8 47.b5 g4 48.a7

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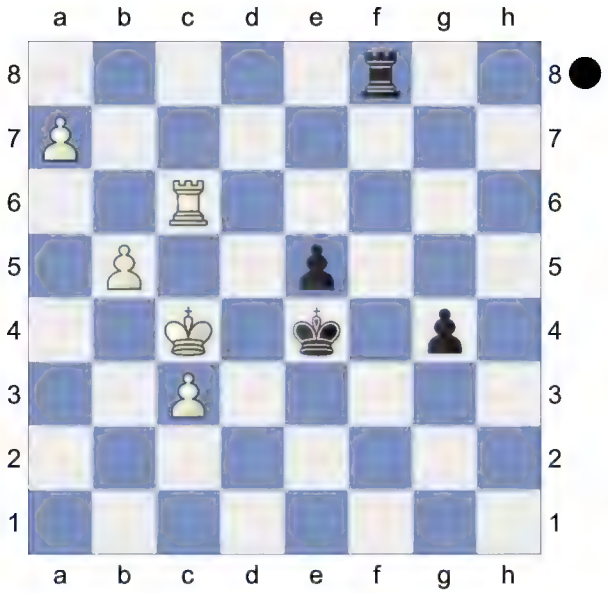


Black must now prevent b5-b6. **48...Kf5**
49.b6 Threatening mate with b6-b7.
49...g3 50.b7
Weighted Error Value: White=0.30/ Black=0.81
1-0

29 **B21**
□ **Carlsen,Magnus** **2876**
■ **Pichot,Alan** **2590**
Chess24 Banter Blitz Cup (1.12) 29.9.19
[Kitty Kat]

B21: Sicilian: 2 f4 and Morra Gambit
1.f4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.e4 d5 4.exd5 Qxd5 5.Nc3 Qd8 6.Bb5 Bd7 7.b3N
[7.0-0 Nf6 *(7...e6 8.Bxc6 Bxc6 9.Ne5 Rc8 10.Qe2 Be7 11.d3 Nf6 12.Be3 0-0 13.Rad1 Nd5 14.Nxd5 exd5 15.d4 c4 16.f5 Be8 17.Qg4 Ba4 18.Bh6 Bf6 19.Bxg7 Bxg7 20.f6* 1-0 Sveshnikov,E (2571)-Ramesh,B (2458) Dubai op 2001 (2)) 8.Ne5 Rc8 9.Qe2 e6 10.Bxc6 Bxc6 11.f5 Qd4+ 12.Kh1 Bd6 13.Nxf7 Kxf7 14.Qxe6+ Kf8 15.Qxc8+ Ne8 16.Qd8 Qg4 17.Rf2 Bc7 18.Qd3

Qh4 19.Kg1 Bxh2+ 20.Kf1 Bg3 21.Qe3 Qh1+ 0-1 (28) Gefenas,V-Grigorescu,A FIDE World Cup Gp C Playoffs 2000]

[7.Qe2 Nf6 8.Bxc6 Bxc6 9.Ne5 Rc8 10.0-0 g6 11.d3 Bg7 12.f5 0-0 13.Kh1 Nd5 14.Nxc6 Rxc6 15.Nxd5 Qxd5 16.Qxe7 Rb6 17.Rb1 Qxa2 18.Be3 Rxb2 19.Rxb2 Qxb2 20.f6 Bh8 21.Bxc5 Ra8 1-0 (25) Tiyasatkulkovit,T (2346)-Kukuczka,M (2107) Christmas International 2005 (2)]

7...Nf6 8.Bb2 a6 9.Bxc6 White is slightly better. **9...Bxc6 10.Qe2 g6 11.Ne5 Rc8 12.0-0-0 Bg7 13.Rhe1 e6 14.g4** White is more active. **14...0-0! 15.g5 Nh5 16.Qe3 Qd4 17.Ne2** Excellent horsemanship. **17...Qxe3 18.dxe3 Bxe5! 19.Bxe5**

[Don't play 19.fxe5 Ng7=]

19...Rfd8 20.Ng3 Nxg3 21.hxg3 Bf3 22.Rd3 Be4 23.Rxd8+ Rxd8± Endgame KRB-KRB **24.Bf6 Rd7 25.Re2 b5 26.Rh2 Bf3 27.Kb2 Be4 28.Be5 Bf5 29.c4 b4 30.a3 a5 31.a4** -0.17/23

[31.Kc1± 0.41/23]

31...Be4 0.37/26

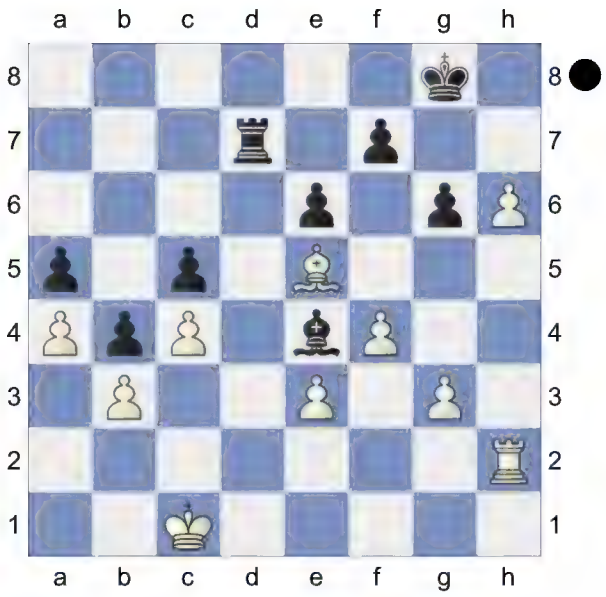
[Better is 31...Bg4= -0.17/23]

32.Kc1! h5? 1.76/26

[32...Kf8= 0.20/27]

33.gxh6+-

(Diagram)



h6-h7+ would kill now. **33...Kh7 34.Rd2 Bd3?** 4.19/26 This costs Black the game.

[34...Rxd2± 1.43/24 35.Kxd2 Kxh6]

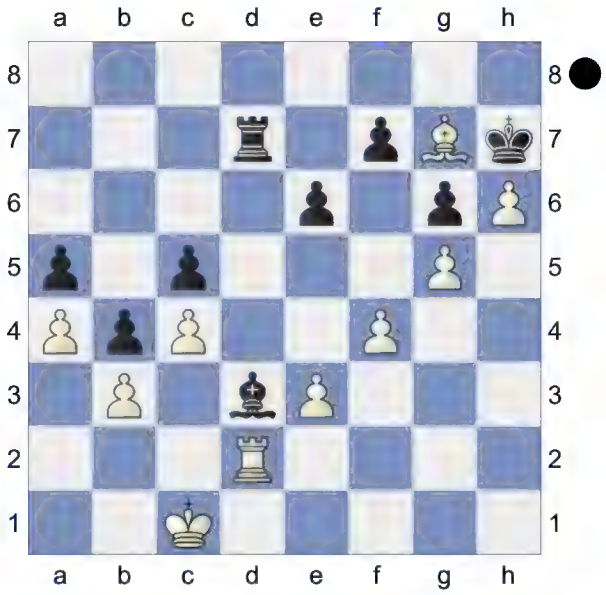
35.Bg7 2.28/23

[⌓35.g4 4.19/26]

35...Rd8? 4.59/27

[35...e5 2.28/23 36.Bxe5 *(36.fxe5 Bf5+-)* 36...f5]

36.g4 Rd7 37.g5



Threatens to win with e3-e4. **37...Rd8?** 10.14/26

[37...e5 3.82/24 38.Bxe5 *(38.fxe5*

Kg8+-) 38...Bf5 39.Rxd7 Bxd7]
38.Be5 Rd7 39.e4 Kg8 40.Kd1 8.63/25
[⌓40.h7+ #3/11 Kf8 41.Bf6 Bxe4 42.h8Q#]
40...Kh7 41.Ke1
Weighted Error Value: White=0.33/ Black=0.68
1-0

30 **B21**
□ **Carlsen,Magnus** **2876**
■ **Pichot,A** **2590**
Chess24 Banter Blitz Cup (1.12) 25.9.19
[Kitty Kat]

B21: Sicilian: 2 f4 and Morra Gambit
1.f4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.e4 d5 4.exd5 Qxd5 5.Nc3 Qd8 6.Bb5 Bd7 7.b3N
[7.0-0 Nf6 *(7...e6 8.Bxc6 Bxc6 9.Ne5 Rc8 10.Qe2 Be7 11.d3 Nf6 12.Be3 0-0 13.Rad1 Nd5 14.Nxd5 exd5 15.d4 c4 16.f5 Be8 17.Qg4 Ba4 18.Bh6 Bf6 19.Bxg7 Bxg7 20.f6* 1-0 Sveshnikov,E (2571)-Ramesh,B (2458) Dubai op 2001 (2)) 8.Ne5 Rc8 9.Qe2 e6 10.Bxc6 Bxc6 11.f5 Qd4+ 12.Kh1 Bd6 13.Nxf7 Kxf7 14.Qxe6+ Kf8 15.Qxc8+ Ne8 16.Qd8 Qg4 17.Rf2 Bc7 18.Qd3 Qh4 19.Kg1 Bxh2+ 20.Kf1 Bg3 21.Qe3 Qh1+ 0-1 (28) Gefenas,V-Grigorescu,A FIDE World Cup Gp C Playoffs 2000]
[7.Qe2 Nf6 8.Bxc6 Bxc6 9.Ne5 Rc8 10.0-0 g6 11.d3 Bg7 12.f5 0-0 13.Kh1 Nd5 14.Nxc6 Rxc6 15.Nxd5 Qxd5 16.Qxe7 Rb6 17.Rb1 Qxa2 18.Be3 Rxb2 19.Rxb2 Qxb2 20.f6 Bh8 21.Bxc5 Ra8 1-0 (25) Tiyasatkulkovit,T (2346)-Kukuczka,M (2107) Christmas International 2005 (2)]
7...Nf6 8.Bb2 a6 9.Bxc6 White has an edge. **9...Bxc6 10.Qe2 g6 11.Ne5 Rc8 12.0-0-0 Bg7 13.Rhe1** White is more active. **13...e6 14.g4** and f4-f5! should not be overlooked **14...0-0! 15.g5 Nh5 16.Qe3 Qd4 17.Ne2** Excellent horsemanship. **17...Qxe3 18.dxe3 Bxe5 19.Bxe5 Rfd8 20.Ng3 Nxg3 21.hxg3 Bf3 22.Rd3 Be4 23.Rxd8+ Rxd8±** Endgame KRB-KRB **24.Bf6 Rd7 25.Re2 b5 26.Rh2 Bf3 27.Kb2 Be4 28.Be5 Bf5 29.c4 b4** 0.87/25
[29...bxc4= 0.22/23 30.bxc4 f6 31.gxf6 *(31.Bxf6 Rd3±)* 31...h5]
30.a3 0.30/24
[White should try 30.Kc1± 0.87/25]
30...a5= 31.a4 -0.09/25
[31.Bf6± 0.33/25]
31...Be4 32.Kc1 Black should prevent Rh2-d2. **32...h5?** 1.79/28
[32...Kf8= 0.20/28 and Black has nothing to worry.]
33.gxh6+-

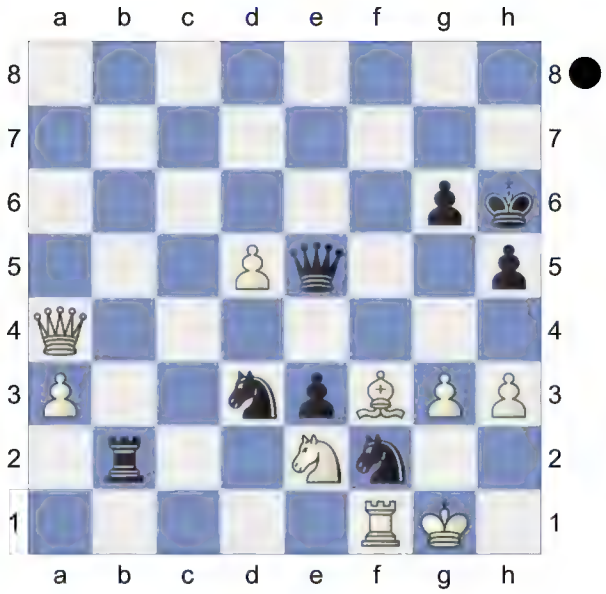
White wants to mate with h6-h7+.
33...Kh7 34.Rd2 Bd3? 4.72/26
This move loses the game for Black.

[34...Rxd2± 1.49/24 is more resistant. 35.Kxd2 Kxh6]
35.Bg7 2.30/23
[⌓35.g4 4.72/26]
35...Rd8? 4.59/27
[35...e5 2.30/23 36.Bxe5 *(36.fxe5 Bf5+-)* 36...f5]
36.g4 Rd7 7.06/24
[⌓36...g5 4.11/23 37.fxg5 *(37.Bf6 Rd7+-)* 37...e5 38.Bxe5 Re8]
37.g5 Rd8 38.Be5 Rd7 39.e4 Kg8 40.Kd1 9.18/24
[⌓40.h7+ #3/11 Kf8 41.Bf6 Bxe4 42.h8Q#]
40...Kh7 41.Ke1
Weighted Error Value: White=0.32/ Black=0.74
1-0

31 **A03**
□ **Harsha Bharathakoti** **2593**
■ **Zhigalko,Sergei** **2572**
World Blitz 2022 (12.51) 29.12.2022
[Kitty Kat]

A03: Bird's Opening with 1...d5
1.f4 d5 2.Nf3 Nf6 3.g3 g6 4.Bg2 Bg7 5.0-0 0-0 6.d3 c5 7.Qe1 Bg4!? 0.05/17 Leaves trodden paths. Verlässt die ausgetretenen Pfade.
[⌓7...d4 -0.26/15]
[7...Nc6 8.h3 d4 9.Na3 Nd5 10.Nc4 b6 11.Bd2 Bb7 12.c3 e6 13.Rc1 Rc8 14.Qf2 Nde7 15.a4 Ba6 16.Nce5 dxc3 17.Bxc3 Nxe5 18.Bxe5 Nc6 19.Bxg7 Kxg7 20.Ne5 Nxe5 21.fxe5 Qd4 22.Qxd4 Wohl,R (2743)-Kaiser,W (2745) Burg St. Edmunds 2014 200 Traps In The Opening [Pilnik,H/Primel,D] ½-½ (40)]
8.e4= Nc6 9.e5 The position is equal.
9...Nd7 10.Nc3N
[Data server:: 10.c3 Bxf3 0.11/17 *(10...f6* -0.28/15 should be considered.*)* 11.Bxf3= e6 12.Be3 d4 0.45/19 *(12...b5=* 0.10/14 *)* 13.Bxc6± bxc6 14.cxd4 cxd4 15.Bxd4 Nb6 0.94/18 *(15...c5±* 0.39/19 *16.Bc3 Nb6)* 16.Bc5 ½-½ (49) Harika,D (2492)-Sebag,M (2476) Chess.com INT 2019]
[10.h3 Bxf3 11.Bxf3 Nd4 12.Bd1 e6 13.c3 Nf5 14.Nd2 b5 15.Nf3 Nb6 16.g4 Ne7 17.d4 c4 18.Qg3 a5 19.Bc2 Qd7 20.h4 Rfb8 21.h5 Kf8 22.hxg6 hxg6 23.f5 exf5 24.gxf5 Nxf5 Louis,C (2121)-Kanzler,K (1869) Florianopolis 2025 1-0 (52)]
10...Bxf3 11.Bxf3 e6 12.Ne2 f6 13.exf6 Qxf6 14.c3 Rae8 15.Be3 Qe7 16.Qd2 -0.09/18
[⌓16.d4 0.25/16]
16...d4= 17.cxd4 cxd4 18.Bf2 e5 19.Rae1 Qd6 20.Qd1 Kh8 21.Bg2 Nc5 22.fxe5 -0.41/22
[22.Kh1= 0.01/19]
22...Nxe5∓
[Much worse is 22...Bxe5 23.a3=]
23.Nc1 a5 24.a3 a4 25.Kh1 -1.49/21
[⌓25.Re2 -0.93/19]
25...b5 -0.54/22
[25...Bh6!∓ -1.49/21 Strongly threatening ...Bxc1. 26.b4 axb3 27.Nxb3 Ncxd3 28.Bxd4 Nxe1 29.Rxe1 Bg7]
26.Bg1 h5 27.h3 Rxf1 -0.14/22
[27...Kh7∓ -0.54/20]
28.Rxf1= Bh6 0.01/23
[28...Kh7∓ -0.45/20]
29.Ne2 Be3 0.53/23
[29...Ncxd3= 0.11/19 30.Bxd4 Kh7]
30.Bxe3± dxe3 31.d4 Ned3 1.76/21
[31...Ncd3!= 0.01/21 and Black stays safe. 32.Qc2 Nf2+ 33.Rxf2 exf2 34.dxe5 Rxe5]

32.Kg1? -0.75/23
[White has to play 32.Qc2+- 1.76/21 Ne4 33.Qxd3 Nf2+ 34.Rxf2! exf2 35.Bf1 *(35.Qxb5 Rb8±)*]
32...Nf2∓ 0x0.001feb33f653dp-1022s more active pieces. **33.Qc2** -1.45/20
[33.Qc1∓ -0.58/22 Ncd3 34.Qc3]
33...Ncd3 -0.01/20
[Black should play 33...Nce4!∓ -1.45/20 34.Bxe4 Nxe4]
34.d5!= Kh7 35.Qc6 Qe5 36.Qxb5 Rb8 Really sharp! **37.Qd7+ Kh6 38.Qxa4** -0.48/24
[38.d6= 0.01/21]
38...Rxb2→ Black is out for blood.
39.Bf3 -22.15/19
[39.Nf4 leads to mate. e2 40.Ra1 e1Q+ 41.Rxe1 Qxe1+ 42.Kh2 Ne4!]
[39.Qa8 -1.73/23]



39...Nxh3+ -7.27/20
[⌓39...Rxe2! -22.15/19 40.Qh4 Rc2]
40.Kh1

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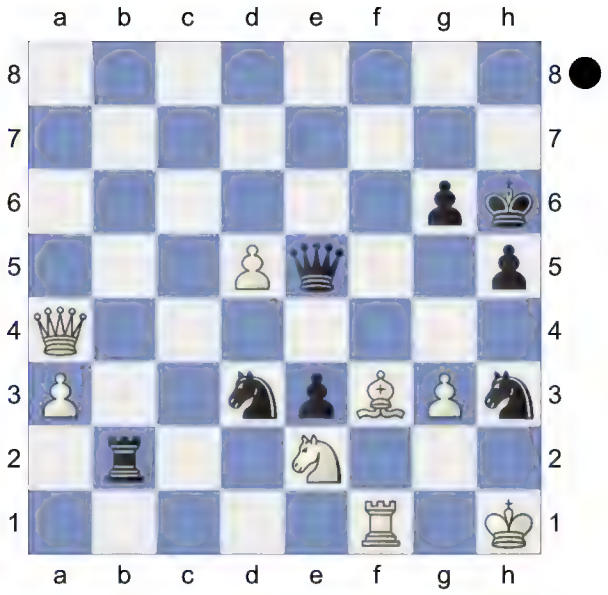
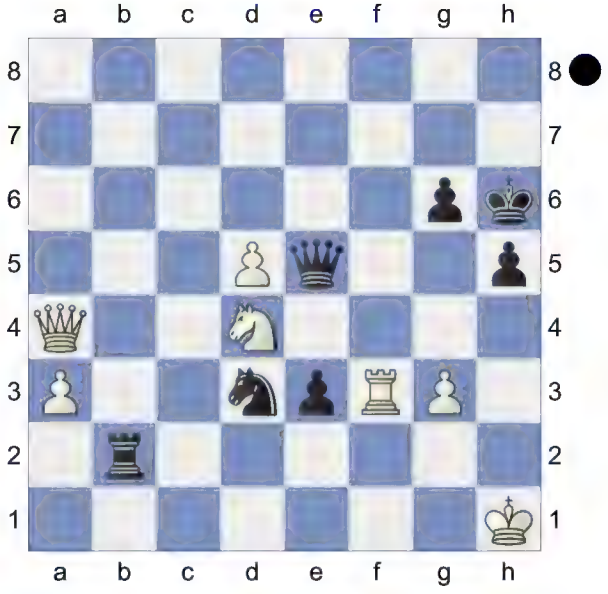


Ng5 -7.42/22 Pair of Knights!
[⌓40...Rxe2! -16.95/22 41.Qh4 Nhf2+ 42.Kg1 Ra2]
41.Nd4 Qxg3 -24.98/26
Weighted Error Value: White=0.82/ Black=0.52
[⌓41...Nxf3 -#7/16 42.Rxf3

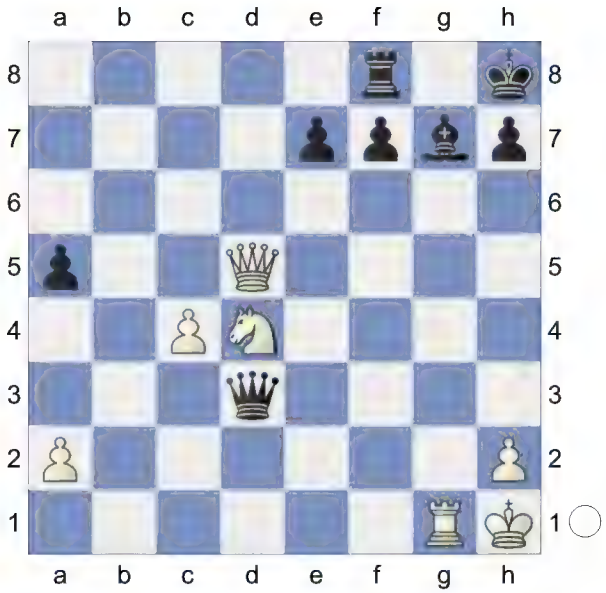


e2! 43.Kg2 e1Q+ 44.Qc2 Qxd4 45.Rf2 Rxc2 46.Rxc2 Qeg1+ 47.Kh3 Qg4#]
0-1

32 **A02**
□ **Ernst,Heinz** **2766**
■ **Sudgen,J N** **2780**
Bucuresti 11/37 (8) 26.08.2018
[Kitty Kat]

A02: Bird's Opening
1.f4 Nf6 2.Nf3 b6 3.b3 Bb7 4.e3 g6 5.Bb2 Bg7 6.g3 0-0 7.Bg2 c5 8.c4 d5 9.0-0 Nc6 10.Qe2 Rc8 11.d3 d4 12.exd4 Nxd4
[12...cxd4 feels hotter. 13.Na3 Nd7 14.Nc2 Nc5]
13.Nxd4 Bxg2 14.Kxg2 Strongly threatening Nf3. **14...cxd4N 15.Na3 Nd7**
[15...Qd7 is interesting. 16.Nc2 Ng4 17.Rae1 Rfe8]
16.Nc2 -0.33/17
[16.Nb5= 0.07/21 was preferrable.]
16...Nc5∓ 17.f5 Qd7 18.g4 b5 Hoping for ...bxc4. **19.Ba3 a5 20.Bxc5 Rxc5 21.Rae1 bxc4**
[21...Bf6 is more complex. 22.fxg6 hxg6 23.Na3 Bh4]
22.bxc4 gxf5 White must now prevent ... Re5.
[22...Bf6 keeps more tension. 23.fxg6 hxg6 24.Rb1 Kg7]
23.gxf5 -1.33/21
[23.Qxe7∓ -0.60/22 Qc6+ 24.Kg1]
23...Rxf5∓ 24.Rxf5 Qxf5 25.Qf3 Qg5+ 26.Kh1 Kh8 27.Rg1 Qh6 28.Qd5 Qd2 -0.86/23
[Black should play 28...Qf4 -1.18/20 29.Qg2 Bf6]
29.Nxd4 Qxa2
[Much worse is 29...Qxd3

(Diagram)



30.Rxg7! e6 31.Nxe6! *(31.Qe5 f6=)* 31...Qxd5+ 32.cxd5=]
30.Qe4 aiming for Nf5. **30...Qb2** -0.78/22
[⌓30...Qf2 -1.24/23 31.Nf5 Bf6]
31.Nf5 Be5 -0.32/25
[⌓31...Bf6 -0.65/24 32.c5 a4 33.Qxa4 Qe5]
32.Rg2∓ Qc1+ 33.Rg1 Dancing on a razor blade. **33...Qb2 34.Rg2 Qc1+** -0.01/19
[34...Qc3∓ -0.38/24 might be stronger.]
35.Rg1= Qb2 36.Rg2
Weighted Error Value: White=0.09 (flawless) /Black=0.10 (very precise)
½-½

33 **A02**
□ **Grischuk,A** **2766**
■ **So,Wesley** **2780**
6th Sinquefield Cup 2018 (8.4) 26.08.18
[Kitty Kat]

A02: Bird's Opening
1.f4 Nf6 2.Nf3 b6 3.b3 Bb7 4.e3 g6 5.Bb2 Bg7 6.g3 0-0 7.Bg2 c5 8.c4 d5 9.0-0 Nc6 10.Qe2 Black is slightly

better. **10...Rc8 11.d3 d4 12.exd4 Nxd4 13.Nxd4 Bxg2 14.Kxg2** Strongly threatening Nf3. **14...cxd4N 15.Na3** -0.35/18
[15.Nd2!= 0.01/19 was preferrable.]
15...Nd7 -0.02/19
[15...Qd7∓ -0.35/18 is superior.]
16.Nc2 -0.50/19
[16.Nb5= -0.02/19]
16...Nc5∓ 17.f5 Qd7 18.g4 b5 Threatens to win with ...bxc4. **19.Ba3 a5 20.Bxc5 Rxc5 21.Rae1 bxc4** -0.54/19
[21...Bf6!∓ -1.09/19]
22.bxc4 gxf5 -0.59/23
[Black should play 22...Bf6∓ -0.91/19]
23.gxf5 -1.29/22
[23.Qxe7∓ -0.59/23 Qc6+ 24.Kg1]
23...Rxf5∓ 24.Rxf5 Qxf5 25.Qf3 Qg5+ 26.Kh1 Kh8 27.Rg1 Qh6 28.Qd5 Qd2 29.Nxd4 Qxa2
[But not 29...Qxd3

30.Rxg7! e6 31.Nxe6! *(31.Qe5 f6=)* 31...Qxd5+ 32.cxd5=]
30.Qe4 Hoping for Nf5. **30...Qb2** -0.01/22
[30...Qf2∓ -1.24/24 31.Nf5 Bf6]
31.Nf5= The position is equal. **31...Be5 32.Rg2 Qc1+ 33.Rg1** Dancing on a razor blade. **33...Qb2 34.Rg2 Qc1+ 35.Rg1 Qb2 36.Rg2**
Weighted Error Value: White=0.09 (flawless) /Black=0.17 (very precise)
½-½

34 **A03**
□ **Maghsoodloo,Parham** **2701**
■ **Harutyunyan,Tigran K** **2552**
27th Abu Dhabi Mast Blitz (8.10)
[Kitty Kat]

A03: Bird's Opening with 1...d5
A03: Bird's Opening with 1...d5 Inf 109/(1) **1.f4 d5 2.Nf3 c5 3.d3 Nc6 4.g3 g6 5.Bg2 Bg7 6.0-0 Nf6 7.c3 0-0 8.Qe1 Re8N**
[8...d4 9.Na3 Nd5 *(9...Rb8 10.Nc4 dxc3 11.bxc3 b5 12.Nce5 Nxe5 13.fxe5 Nd5* 7) 1.f4-1.f4 #11 Life Lifetime Repertoires: Sidelines and Fla 2024 *)* 10.Bd2 h6 *(10...Re8 11.Nc4 b6 12.e4 dxe3 13.Nxe3 Bb7 14.f5 Nxe3 15.Qxe3 gxf5 16.Rae1 e6 17.Ng5 Qd7 18.Nh3 Ne5 19.Bxb7 Qxb7 20.Nf4 Rad8 21.Bc1 Ng4 22.Qe2 Nf6 23.Rf3 e5 24.Ng2 e4 25.dxe4* 0-1 (50) Xiong,J (2692)-Araujo Sanchez,J (2303) Titled Tuesday intern op 22nd Nov Late blitz 2022 (1)*; 10...Bg4 11.Nc2 Qd7 12.c4 Nb6 13.Ng5 Bf5 14.Rc1 Rfe8 15.b4 Na4 16.Qf2 Rad8 17.a3 h6 18.Ne4 Bxe4 19.Bxe4 f5 20.Bf3 e5 21.Qg2 e4 22.dxe4 d3 23.exd3 Qxd3 24.e5* 10.g4 h6 11.Bd3-5...Be7 6.Nf3 O-O #5 Hoogovens Wijk aan Zee 1985 *)* 11.e4 dxe3 12.Bxe3 Nxe3 13.Qxe3 Be6 14.Qxc5 Qxd3 15.Rfd1 Qf5 16.Qxf5 Bxf5 17.Nb5 Rad8 18.Nbd4 Nxd4 19.Nxd4 Bg4 20.Rd2 b6 21.h3 Be6 22.Rad1

Bxa2 23.Nc6 ½-½ (58) Haub,T (2478)-Meijers,V (2471) Rohde op 09th 2009 (6)]

9.e4 -1.01/20

[9.Na3∓ -0.33/17]

9...e5∓ 10.f5 gxf5 Black is slightly better. **11.Bg5 dxe4** -0.27/18

[11...c4∓ -0.92/19 12.exd5 Qxd5]

12.dxe4= f4 0.08/19

[12...fxe4 13.Nfd2 h6 *(13...e3 14.Ne4+-)* 14.Bh4± *(14.Bxf6 Bxf6 15.Nxe4 Bg7∓)*]

[Black should try 12...h6!∓ -0.50/18 13.Bxf6 Bxf6 *(13...Qxf6 14.exf5 Qxf5 15.Nh4∓)*]

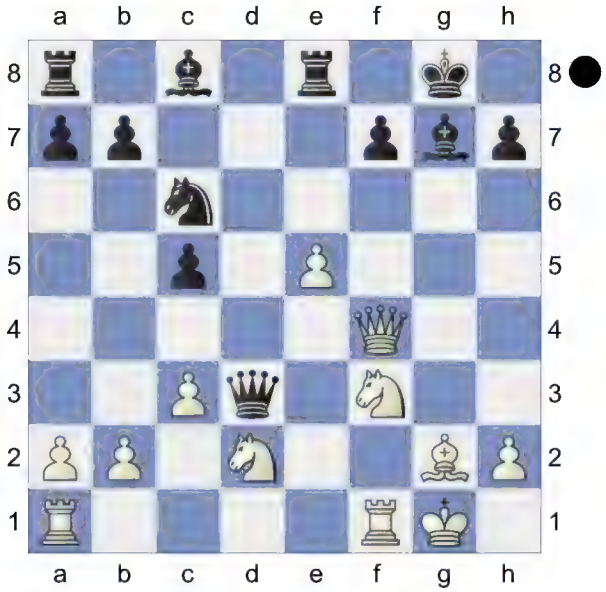
13.gxf4 exf4 14.Qh4 Qd6 0.48/20

[14...h6= -0.01/20 15.Bxh6 Nxe4 16.Qxd8 Nxd8 *(16...Rxd8 17.Bxf4 Bf5 18.Na3±)* 17.Bxf4 Ne6]

15.Bxf4± Qd3 16.e5 -0.17/20

[16.Na3± 0.71/18]

16...Nd5!= 17.Nbd2 Nxf4! 18.Qxf4



Be6 1.24/19

[18...Bxe5? 19.Qxf7+ Kxf7 20.Nxe5+ Kg8 21.Nxd3+-]

[18...Nxe5 19.Rae1 Qf5 *(19...Nxf3+? 20.Qxf3 Qd7 21.Bh3+-)* 20.Qxf5 Bxf5 21.Nxe5+-]

[18...Qf5= -0.11/21 keeps the balance. 19.Qh4 Qg4 *(19...Nxe5? 20.Nxe5 Qe6 21.Nxf7+-)* 20.Qxg4 Bxg4]

19.Ne4± Kh8 2.06/17

[19...Ne7± 1.35/19 keeps fighting.]

20.Nd6 0.93/19

[20.Nxc5 Qb5 21.Nxe6 fxe6±]

[20.Rae1+- 2.06/17]

20...Rg8 1.51/20

[⌓20...Rf8 0.93/19]

21.Kh1 0.67/21

[21.Nxf7+ Bxf7 22.Qxf7 Nxe5 23.Nxe5 Bxe5=]

[21.Nxb7 Qg6 22.Qg5 *(22.Nxc5? Bxe5-+)* 22...Bxe5 23.Qxg6 Rxg6 24.Nxc5 Rag8=]

[Better is 21.Rae1± 1.51/20 Nf3-g5 would now be deadly. c4 22.Re3 Decoy *(22.Nxb7 Bf8±; 22.Nxf7+ Bxf7 23.Qxf7 Rae8+-; 22.Ng5 Raf8+-* Remove Defender *)*]

21...Raf8± 22.Rg1

[22.Nxb7 Qb5 23.Qh4 *(23.Nd6 Qxb2 24.Rg1 Qxc3∓)* 23...f6= *(23...Qxb7? 24.Ng5+-)*]

22...f6? 3.00/22

[22...Qg6± 0.77/19]

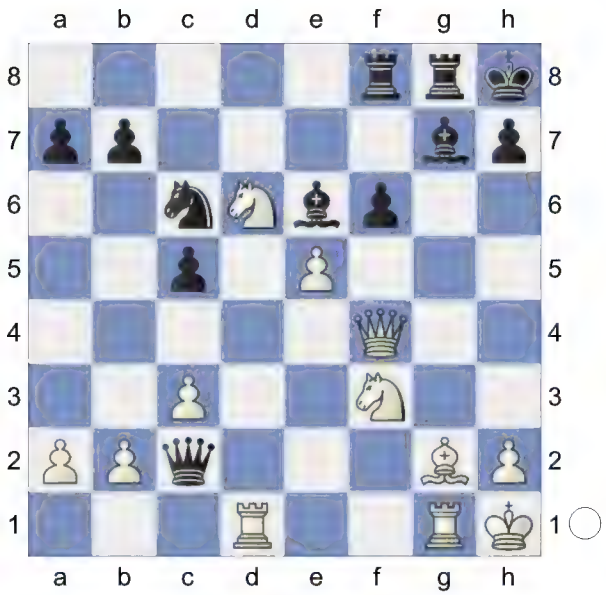
23.Rad1? 1.12/19

[23.Bf1+- 3.00/22 is more deadly. fxe5 24.Qxf8 *(24.Bxd3 Rxf4 25.Ng5 Bd5+ 26.Be4 Bxe4+ 27.Ngxe4 Bf8∓)*]

23...Qc2 3.38/21

[23...Qe2± 1.12/19]

(Diagram)

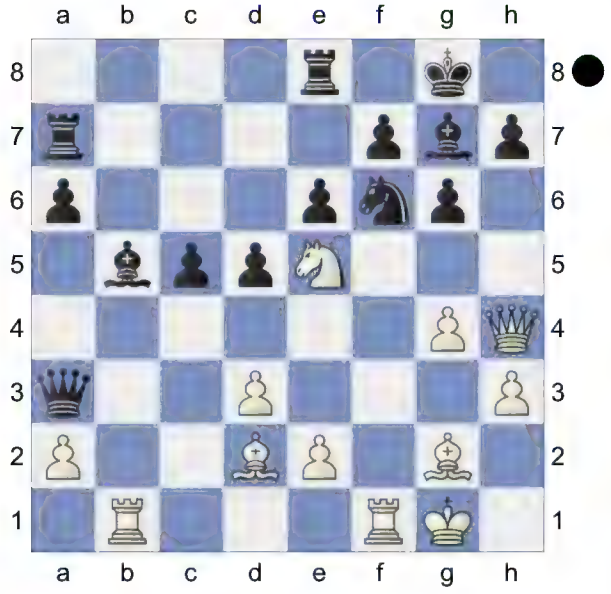


24.Qh4!+-
[Not 24.Nxb7 Nxe5 25.Nxc5 Bg4±]
24...fxe5? 5.89/22
Weighted Error Value: White=0.39/ Black=0.62
[24...Nxe5? is the wrong capture. 25.Nxe5 fxe5 26.Be4+- *(26.Bxb7 Rf4=)*]
[24...Qxb2 25.Ne4 Nxe5 26.Nxe5]
[24...h6 3.37/20 25.Qh5 *(25.Nxb7 Nxe5 26.Qg3 Qxb2±)* 25...Ne7 26.exf6 Discovered Attack *(26.Nxb7 Nd5±)* 26...Rxf6]
1-0

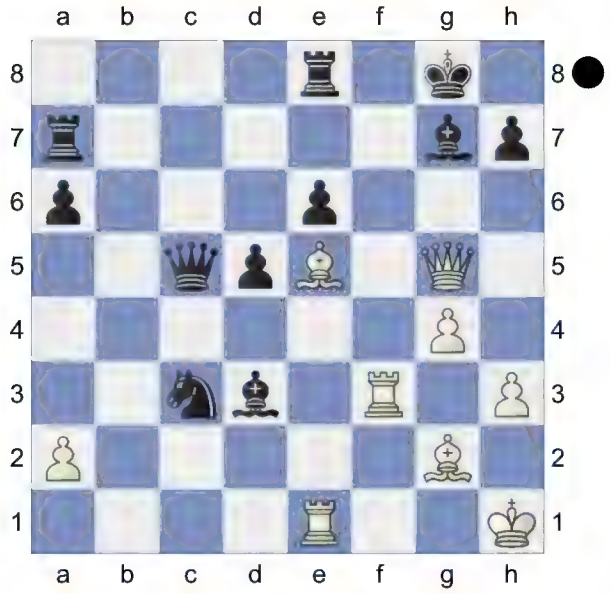
35 **A03**
□ **Morozevich,Alexander** **2659**
■ **Leko,Peter** **2674**
Abu Dhabi Rapid Match (3) 06.08.2019
[Kitty Kat]

A03: Bird's Opening with 1...d5
GM Mihail Marin, MH: 'A03: Bird's Opening with 1...d5' **1.f4 d5 2.Nf3 g6 3.g3 Bg7 4.Bg2 Nf6 5.0-0 b6 6.d3 Bb7 7.Qe1 0-0 8.c3N** Black is slightly better.
[8.a4 c5 9.Na3 Qc7 10.Bd2 Nbd7 11.c4 Rac8 12.Rc1 Qb8 13.cxd5 Nxd5 14.Nc4 Rfd8 15.e4 Nb4 16.Bxb4 cxb4 17.d4 Qa8 18.e5 Line Double Fianchetto-8...c5 [GM Mihail Marin]]
[8.h3 Nbd7 9.Nc3 Re8 10.e4 dxe4 11.dxe4 e5 12.f5 gxf5 13.Nh4 fxe4 14.Nf5 Re6 15.Bg5 Qf8 16.Rd1 Bc6 17.g4 e3 18.Bxc6 Rxc6 19.Qxe3 Re8 20.Bh6 Nxg4 21.hxg4 Bxh6 22.Nxh6+ Rxh6 Mikhailov,S (2531)-Malich,B (2163) Romania 2019 200 Traps In The Opening [Dundua,V] 1-0]
[8.Nc3 d4 9.Nb5 Ng4 10.e4 dxe3 11.h3 Nf6 12.Bxe3 Nd5 13.Bd4 Nf6 14.Be5 Na6 15.g4 c6 16.Nc3 c5 17.f5 Rc8 18.Qh4 Bxf3 19.Bxf3 Nd7 20.Bxg7 Kxg7 21.Ne4 Nf6 22.fxg6 hxg6 Crowl,F (1208)-Narthavi,S (1322) Zalaegerszeg 2023 Gauthier/ Tactics [John Watson] ½-½ (78)]
8...Nbd7 9.Na3 Re8 10.h3 a6 11.Nc2 c5 12.b4
[12.g4]
12...Qc7 13.bxc5 bxc5 14.g4 e6 15.Qf2 Bc6 16.Ne5 Ba4
[16...Nxe5?! 17.fxe5 Qxe5 18.Be3∓ *(18.g5 Nh5∓)*]
17.Ne1 Nxe5 18.fxe5 Qxe5 19.Nf3 -1.31/19
[Avoid the trap 19.g5? Nh5 20.Nf3 *(20.Qxf7+? Kh8-+)* 20...Qc7-+]
[White should play 19.Rb1∓ -0.58/19]
19...Qxc3∓ &Nero is more active.
20.Bd2 Qa3 21.Qh4 Ra7 -0.22/20
[Black should try 21...c4∓ -1.60/19 22.Bh6 Bh8]
22.Rab1? -2.03/19 This move loses the game for White.
[22.Bc1!= -0.22/20 and White stays safe. Qb4 23.Bd2]

22...Bb5-+
[And not 22...Qxa2 23.Ra1 Qc2 24.Rfc1=]
23.Ne5? -3.95/20
[23.Bh6 -1.87/17 was called for.]



23...Ne4! 24.Bf4
[24.dxe4 Bxe5]
24...Nc3 25.Rbe1 f6 26.Nf3 g5 27.Nxg5 fxg5 28.Qxg5 c4 29.Be5 cxd3 30.exd3 Bxd3 31.Rf3 Qc5+ 32.Kh1



Ne4! 33.Qh5 Qe7 ...Nf2+! is the strong threat. **34.Ree3** -7.12/20
[34.Rxd3 -10.02/22 34.Bxg7 -4.06 Nf2+]
[⌓34.Bxg7 -4.17/22 Kxg7 35.Qe5+ Kg8 36.Rc1]
34...Bxe5 35.Qxe5 Bc4 36.Rf4 Qg7 37.Qh5 Rf7 38.Rexe4 dxe4 39.Bxe4 Rxf4 40.Qxe8+ Rf8
Weighted Error Value: White=0.74/ Black=0.20 (precise)
0-1

36 **A02**
□ **Carlsen,Magnus** **2832**
■ **Krishnan,Varun** **2383**
Titled 6th Jul Late (2) 16.07.2024
[Kitty Kat]

A03: Bird's Opening with 1...d5
1.f4 Nf6 2.Nf3 d5 3.g3 c5 4.Bg2 Nc6 5.0-0 g6 6.d3 Bg7 7.Nc3 0-0 8.e4 dxe4 9.dxe4 Nd4N 1.30/18
[9...Qxd1= 0.15/19 10.Rxd1 e5 *(10...Bg4 11.e5 Nd7 12.Be3 Rfd8 13.h3 Bxf3 14.Bxf3 Rac8 15.Rd2 Kf8 16.Rad1 Ke8 17.Ne4 b6 18.e6 fxe6 19.Ng5 Ndb8 20.Nxe6 Rxd2 21.Rxd2 Kf7 22.Bg4 Rh8 23.Ng5+ Kf6 24.Be2 h6 25.Ne4+* 1-0 (46) Golovchenko,G (2442)-Zienkiewicz,J (2559) (m/1) 100/177 2007 (8) *Kf7 26.Bc4+ e6 27.Rd6 Re8 28.g4 Bd4 29.Kf2 Bxe3+ 30.Kxe3 Na5 31.Bb5 Rc8 32.c3 Ke7 33.Rd1 Nac6 34.Re1 Rd8 35.Bc4 Nd7 36.Kf3 Nf8 37.Ng3 Kf7 38.f5 gxf5 39.gxf5 Kf6 40.fxe6* 1-0 (46) Galdanov,N-Emelyanov,S corr 97593 1991 *)*]
[9...e5 10.Be3 Qe7 *(10...b6 11.f5 Ba6 12.Re1 Qc7 13.Nd5 Nxd5 14.exd5 Nd4 15.c3 Nxf5 16.Bf2 Rad8 17.g4 Ne7 18.Bg3 Nxd5*

19.Nxe5 Ne3 20.Rxe3 Rxd1+ 21.Rxd1 Rd8 22.Rde1 Qc8 23.Nc6 Bf8 24.Nxd8 Qxd8 25.Re8 0-1 (39) Duzhakov,I (1834)-Long,P (2142) 89/184 Wijk aan Zee 2004 (1)) 11.fxe5 Nxe5 12.Nxe5 Qxe5 13.Bf4 Qe7 14.e5 Ng4 15.Nd5 Qd8 16.Qe2 Re8 17.e6 Bxe6 18.Nc7 Bxb2 19.Rad1 Bd4+ 20.Kh1 Rc8 21.Nxe6 Nf2+ 22.Rxf2 Rxe6 23.Qf3 Rf6 24.Re2 1-0 (40) Matskevich,V (1747)-Izafatava,K (1452) POL-ch Rapid U18 Girls 2023 (11)]

10.e5± Nxf3+ 2.46/20

[10...Nd5± 1.19/19]

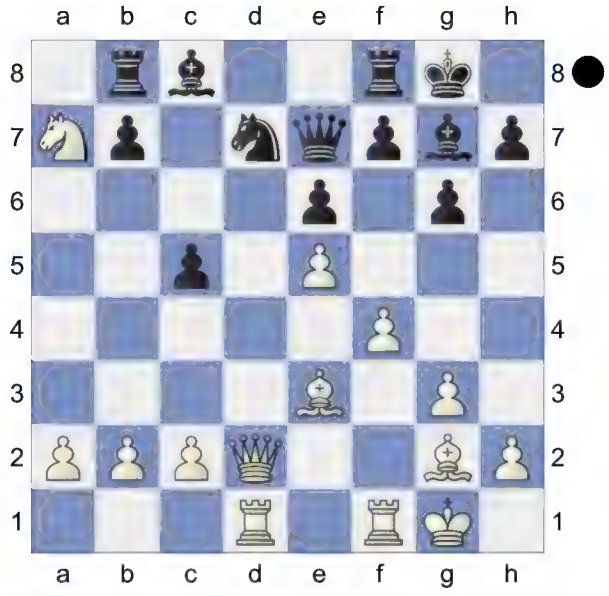
11.Qxf3+-

[11.Bxf3 Nd7±]

11...Nd7 White is clearly better. **12.Be3 e6** 2.51/19

[⌓12...Rb8 1.88/18 13.Rad1 b5]

13.Rad1 Qe7 14.Nb5 Rb8 15.Nxa7 Nb6 16.Qf2 Nd7 17.Qd2



And now Na7xc8 would win. **17...Rd8 18.Qa5 Bf8 19.Qc7 Ra8 20.Nb5**

[20.Bxb7? Rxa7 21.b3 Rxb7-+ *(21...Bxb7? 22.Rd2-+)*]

20...Rxa2 21.Nd6

[21.Bxb7 Bxb7 22.Qxb7 Rxb2=]

21...Ra8 5.09/21

[⌓21...Nf6 3.54/21 *(22.Qxc5 Nd5+-)* 22...Bxe7 23.Nxc8 *(23.exf6 Bxd6 24.Be4 Ra4±; 23.Nxb7 Rxd1 24.Rxd1 Nd5±)* 23...Rxc8 24.exf6 Bxf6 25.Bxb7 Rb8]

22.Ra1 White is clearly winning.

[Not 22.Bxb7 Bxb7 23.Nxb7 *(23.Qxb7 Rab8+-)* 23...Rac8+-]

22...Rxa1 23.Rxa1 Nxe5 24.Qxe7

[24.Nxc8? perishes. Qxc7 25.fxe5 Qxe5-+ *(25...Rxc8? 26.Rb1-+; 25...Qxc8? 26.h4-+)*]

[24.Qxc5 Ng4 *(24...Rxd6 25.Qxe5 Qc7 26.c3±)* 25.Ne4 Nxe3 26.Qxe3 e5=]

24...Bxe7 25.fxe5 Bxd6 26.exd6 Rxd6 27.Ra8 Rd1+ 28.Kf2 Rd8 29.Bxb7 Pin. White took control after the opening.

Weighted Error Value: White=0.08 (flawless) /Black=0.63

1-0

37 **A03**

□ **Hlavac,Iva** **2527**

■ **Yugoslav Qa5** **2662**

Merida (12) 29.12.2022

[Kitty Kat]

A03: Bird's Opening with 1...d5

1.f4 d5 2.Nf3 Nf6 3.g3 g6 4.Bg2 Bg7 5.0-0 0-0 6.d3 c5 7.Qe1 Bg4 0.05/18

[⌓7...Qb6 -0.26/16]

[7...Nc6 8.h3 d4 9.Na3 Nd5 10.Nc4 b6 11.Bd2 Bb7 12.c3 e6 13.Rc1 Rc8 14.Qf2 Nde7 15.a4 Ba6 16.Nce5 dxc3 17.Bxc3 Nxe5 18.Bxe5 Nc6 19.Bxg7 Kxg7 20.Ne5 Nxe5 21.fxe5 Qd4 22.Qxd4

Wohl,R (2743)-Kaiser,W (2745) Burg St. Edmunds 2014 200 Traps In The Opening [Pilnik,H/Primel,D] ½-½ (40)]

8.e4= Nc6 9.e5 The position is equal.

9...Nd7 10.Nc3N

[10.c3 Bxf3 11.Bxf3 e6 12.Be3 d4 13.Bxc6 bxc6 14.cxd4 cxd4 15.Bxd4 Nb6 0.84/19 *(15...c5± 0.42/18* might be stronger. *16.Bc3 Nb6)* 16.Bc5]

[10.h3 Bxf3 11.Bxf3 Nd4 12.Bd1 e6 13.c3 Nf5 14.Nd2 b5 15.Nf3 Nb6 16.g4 Ne7 17.d4 c4 18.Qg3 a5 19.Bc2 Qd7 20.h4 Rfb8 21.h5 Kf8 22.hxg6 hxg6 23.f5 exf5 24.gxf5 Nxf5 Louis,C (2121)-Kanzler,K (1869) Florianopolis 2025 1-0 (52)]

10...Bxf3 11.Bxf3 e6 12.Ne2 f6 13.exf6 Qxf6 14.c3 Rae8 15.Be3 Qe7 16.Qd2 d4 17.cxd4 cxd4 18.Bf2 e5 19.Rae1 Qd6 20.Qd1 Kh8 21.Bg2 Nc5 22.fxe5 -0.52/21

[22.Kh1= 0.01/19]

22...Nxe5∓ Hoping for ...Rxf2!

[Much worse is 22...Bxe5 23.a3=]

23.Nc1 a5 24.a3 -0.95/20

[24.Qd2∓ -0.52/19]

24...a4∓ 25.Kh1 -1.76/21

[25.Re2∓ -0.91/19 was necessary.]

25...b5 -0.40/20

[Black should try 25...Bh6!-+ -1.76/21 White must now prevent ...Bxc1. 26.b4 axb3 27.Nxb3 Ncxd3 28.Bxd4 Nxe1 29.Rxe1 Bg7]

26.Bg1!∓ h5 27.h3 Rxf1 28.Rxf1 Bh6 0.01/21

[28...Kh7∓ -0.36/20]

29.Ne2= Be3 30.Bxe3 dxe3 31.d4 Ned3 1.98/22

[31...Ncd3!= 0.01/23 and Black is okay. 32.Qc2 Nf2+ 33.Rxf2 exf2 34.dxe5 Rxe5]

32.Kg1? -0.65/23

[32.Qc2+- 1.98/22 Ne4 33.Qxd3 Nf2+ 34.Rxf2! exf2 35.Bf1 *(35.Qxb5 Rb8±)*]

32...Nf2!∓ 0x0.001c527d0e4ddp-1022s more active pieces. **33.Qc2** -1.60/22

[⌓33.Qc1 -0.71/22 Ncd3 34.Qc3]

33...Ncd3 -0.11/20

[33...Nce4∓ -1.60/22 34.Bxe4 Nxe4]

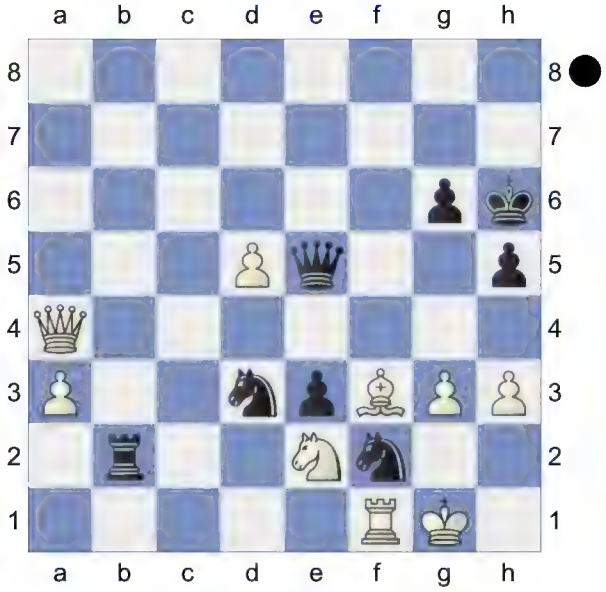
34.d5!= Kh7 35.Qc6 Qe5 36.Qxb5 Rb8⇄ Black is fighting back. Really sharp! **37.Qd7+ Kh6 38.Qxa4** -1.40/22

[38.d6= 0.01/19]

38...Rxb2∓ 39.Bf3 -13.56/18

[39.Nf4 leads to mate. e2 40.Ra1 e1Q+ 41.Rxe1 Qxe1+ 42.Kh2 Ne4!]

[39.Qa8∓ -1.59/22]



39...Nxh3+? -3.92/22

[39...Rxe2! -13.56/18 40.Qh4 Rc2]

40.Kh1? -16.77/18

[40.Kg2 -3.92/22 Ng5 41.Qa8]

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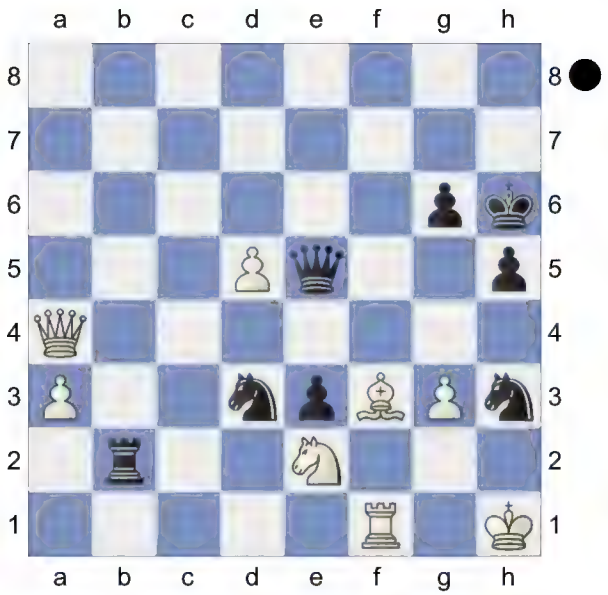


40...Ng5 -7.59/21 Pair of Knights!
[⌓40...Rxe2! -16.77/18 41.Qh4 Nhf2+ 42.Kg1 Ra2]
41.Nd4 Qxg3
Weighted Error Value: White=0.82/ Black=0.62
0-1

38 **B23**
□ **Carlsen,Magnus** **2832**
■ **So,Wesley** **2815**
chess.com Speed 1m+1spm 2017 blitz (..
[Kitty Kat]

B23: Closed Sicilian: Lines without g3
In der letzten Runde war ich vor allem darauf bedacht, meine Performance nicht mehr zu verschlechtern. Dafür brauchte ich gegen FM Solomunovic nur ein Remis; die Motivationsprobleme kamen jetzt doch noch. **1.f4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.e4 e6 4.Nc3 Nge7 5.g3 d5 6.d3N**
[6.Bg2 dxe4 *(6...d4 7.Ne2 d3 8.cxd3 Qxd3 9.0-0 Qxe4 10.d4 Qd5 11.Nc3 Qc4 12.Re1 cxd4 13.Ne4 Nf5 14.b3 Qb4 15.Bd2 Qb6 16.Kh1 Be7 17.Ne5 Nxe5 18.fxe5 Bd7 19.Rc1 Bc6 20.Qh5 Rd8 21.Rf1* 0-1 (27) Porter,R-Bako Kordero Ireland-Finland 1998 *g6 22.Qh3 Qb5 23.Rce1 Qxe5 24.g4 Ne3 25.Rxe3 dxe3 26.Bc3 e2 27.Rg1 Qxe4* 0-1 Ozsvath,A-Witkowski,S 8/289 Lublin 1969*)* 7.Nxe4 Nf5 8.0-0 Be7 9.b3 0-0 10.Bb2 b6 11.Ne5 Bb7 12.Qh5 Rc8 13.Rae1 Nxe5 14.fxe5 Bxe4 15.Bxe4 g6 16.Qe2 Nd4 17.Qd3 Nc6 18.Qf3 Qd7 19.Bxc6 Rxc6 20.d3 Rcc8 ½-½ (22) Wippermann,T (2250)-Solomunovic,I (2345) Böblingen op 1999 (9)]
6...dxe4 0.31/21
[6...g6= -0.08/18]
7.dxe4± Qxd1+ 8.Nxd1 b6 The position is equal. **9.c3 Bb7 10.Nf2 h5 11.Be3 Ng8 12.0-0-0 Nf6 13.Bb5** 0.35/22 White is more active.
[13.h4± 0.71/20]
13...a6 14.Ba4 Be7 15.Ne5 -0.61/23
[15.h3± 0.42/19]
15...b5∓ 16.Nxc6 Bxc6 17.Bc2 Ng4 18.Nxg4 hxg4 19.Rd2 Rd8 20.Rhd1 Rxd2 21.Rxd2 Rh5 0.01/21
[21...f6∓ -0.35/22 feels stronger.]
22.e5= Rh8 0.80/22
[22...Bf3= 0.00/22]
23.Bd1± Bf3 24.Bxf3 gxf3 Endgame KRB-KRB **25.Rf2** -0.01/24
[Better is 25.h4!± 0.87/24]
25...f5 0.72/24
[25...Rh3= -0.01/24 remains equal.]
26.exf6!
[Don't play 26.Rxf3 Rxh2 27.c4 b4∓ *(27...bxc4 28.Bd2±)*]
26...gxf6 27.h4!
[27.Rxf3 Rxh2 28.c4 Kf7∓ *(28...bxc4 29.Bd2=)*]
27...Kf7 28.Rxf3 Kg6 29.Bf2 Kf5 30.Kd2 0.72/22

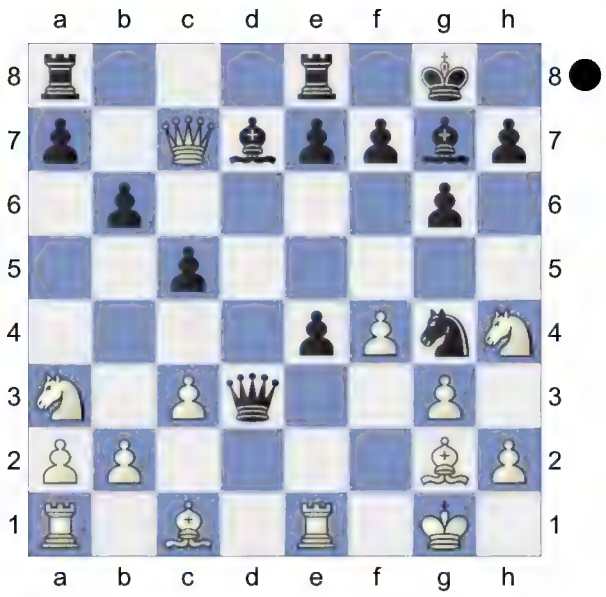
[⌓30.Rd3 1.10/21]
30...c4 31.Ke2 Rd8 2.11/22
[31...Rc8± 0.82/22]
32.Re3!+- Bc5? 4.88/27
[32...a5 1.96/21 was called for. 33.Kf3 e5 34.g4+ Ke6 35.fxe5 f5]

33.g4+! Decoy **33...Kxg4 34.Rg3+** Discovered Attack
[34.Rxe6 Rd6 *(34...Bxf2 35.Kxf2 Kxf4 36.Ke2=)* 35.Rxd6 *(35.f5 Kxf5 36.Rxd6 Bxd6=)* 35...Bxd6=]
34...Kxf4

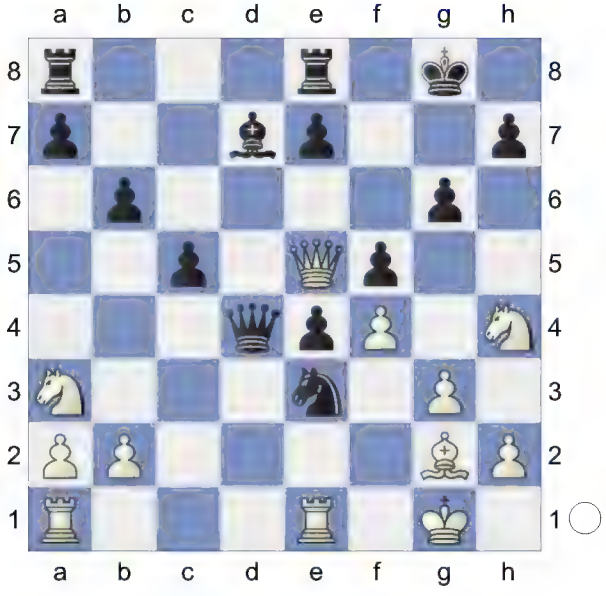
...Bc5xf2 is the strong threat. **35.Rf3+** Skewer **35...Kg4 36.Bxc5 f5** White is clearly winning. **37.Bd4 Re8 38.Re3 Kxh4 39.Kf3 Kg5 40.Re1 a5 41.Rg1+**
Weighted Error Value: White=0.16 (very precise) /Black=0.31
1-0

39 **A03**
□ **Molina,Roberto Junio Brito** **2837**
■ **Ellithorpe,Gilbert P** **2715**
Malmoe 45/566 (7) 09.12.2017
[Kitty Kat]

A03: Bird's Opening with 1...d5
1.f4 d5 2.Nf3 Nf6 3.g3 g6 4.Bg2 Bg7 5.0-0 0-0 6.d3 c5 7.c3 Nc6 8.Na3 Re8 9.Nh4 b6
[9...h6 10.e4 e5 11.exd5 Nxd5 12.f5 g5 13.Nf3 Nce7 14.Qb3 Rb8 15.Bd2 b5 16.Rae1 Bxf5 17.Nxe5 Be6 18.Qd1 Qd6 19.Ng4 f5 20.Ne3 Nc7 21.d4 cxd4 22.cxd4 f4 23.gxf4 gxf4 24.Nec2 C 05/12 (2247)-Shen,F (2131) BdF 2015 CYB 12 [Arkhipov, Sergey] 0-1 (63)]
10.e4 dxe4 The position is equal.
11.Qa4N Inhibits Nd4.
[11.dxe4 Ba6 12.e5 Bxf1 13.Qxd8 Rexd8 14.Bxc6 Rac8 15.exf6 Rxc6 16.fxe7 Re8 17.Kxf1 Rxe7 18.Nf3 Chapter-Games Game 1]
11...Qxd3 ...Bd7 is the strong threat.
12.Qxc6 -1.25/22
[12.Rd1!= -0.17/24 Qe2 13.Rd2 Qe3+ 14.Rf2 Qe1+ 15.Rf1]
12...Bd7∓ 13.Qc7 Ng4 0.01/23
[13...Rec8∓ -1.28/22 14.Qe5 Bc6 15.Qxe7 Re8]
14.Re1!=
(Diagram)

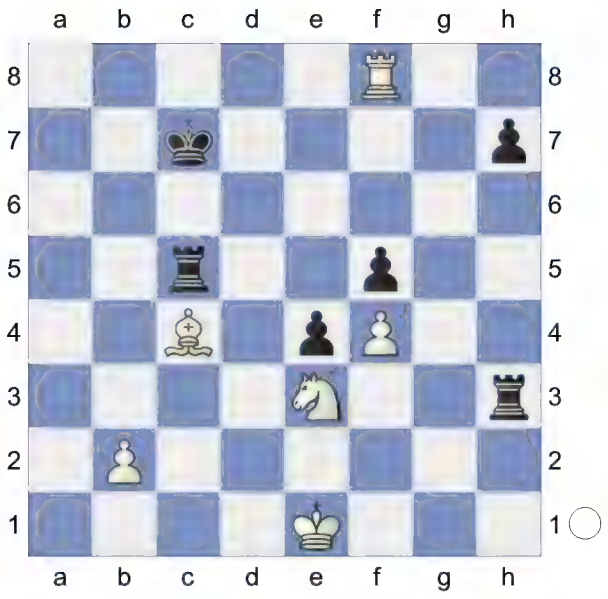


Bd4+! 15.cxd4
[15.Kh1 Nf2+]
15...Qxd4+ 16.Be3! Nxe3 17.Qe5! f5 0.63/20
[17...Nxg2+∓ -0.38/21 18.Qxd4 cxd4 19.Nxg2 Bc6]

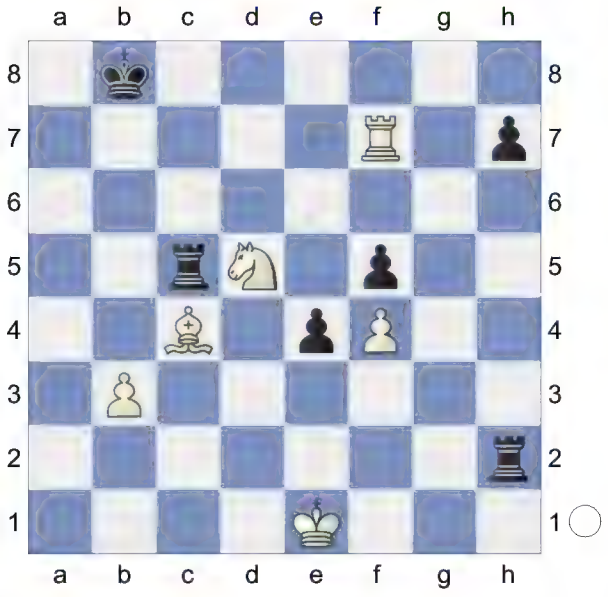


18.Bh3 -0.74/21
[18.Nf3!± 0.63/20 was forced to keep a grip. Qd3 *(18...exf3 19.Bxf3)* 19.Bh3]
18...Nc2+ -0.41/21
[Black should play 18...Nd5+∓ -0.74/21 19.Kh1 Qxe5 20.fxe5 Nb4]
19.Qxd4∓ Nxd4 20.Rxe4 fxe4 21.Bxd7 Red8 22.Ba4 -1.05/21
[22.Bg4∓ -0.53/21]
22...e5 23.Re1 -1.24/20
[⌓23.fxe5 -0.89/20 g5 24.Ng2]
23...exf4 aiming for ...g5. **24.gxf4 a6 25.Bd1 b5! 26.Nb1 Nf5** -0.94/21
[⌓26...Ra7 -1.50/20 27.Ng2 Re7]
27.Nxf5∓ gxf5 28.Kf2 Kf7 -0.70/19
[28...Kh8∓ -1.06/21 Threatens to win with ...Rd3. 29.Be2 Rd6]
29.Be2 Prevents Rd3. **29...Rd6 30.h4 c4 31.a4 Rc8 32.axb5 axb5 33.Na3 Rd5! 34.Rc1 Rdc5** -0.01/23
[Much worse is 34...Rd2 35.Nxb5 Rb8 36.Nc3=]
[Better is 34...Rb8!∓ -0.56/20]
35.Nc2= Ra8 36.Ne3 Rac8 37.h5 Ke6 38.h6 Kf6 39.Ra1 b4 40.Ra6+ Ke7 41.Ra7+ Kf6 42.Ke1 b3 0.66/22
[42...c3= -0.01/21 43.bxc3 bxc3]
43.Rb7± White has compensation. &Bianco is more active. **43...Ke6** 1.47/22
[⌓43...Kg6 0.74/24]
44.Rb6+
[Stronger than 44.Rxh7 c3 45.bxc3 Rb8 46.Bc4+ Kf6∓]
44...Ke7 0.75/22
[Black should try 44...Kd7 1.37/21]
45.Rb4± R8c6 1.23/23
[45...c3± 0.59/22 46.bxc3 R8c6]
46.Bxc4 Rxh6 47.Rxb3 Kd8 1.61/21
[47...Rh2± 1.08/20 is a better defense.]
48.Rb8+ 0.88/23
[48.Kd2+- 1.61/21]
48...Kc7 49.Rf8 Rh3

(Diagram)

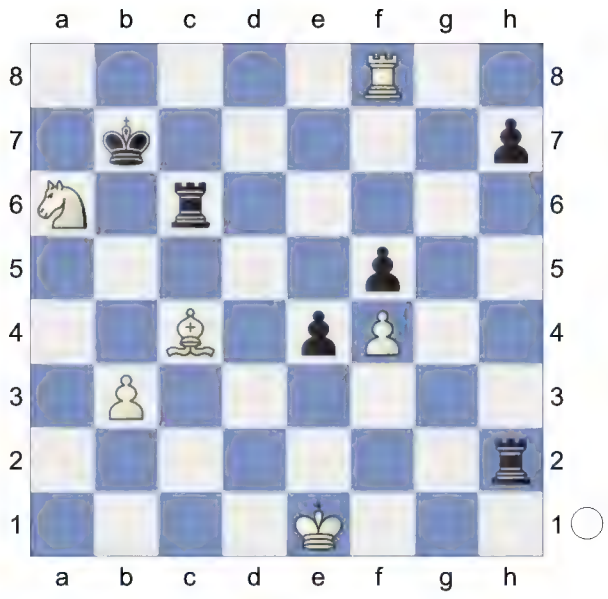


50.Nd5+ Kb7 51.Rf7+ Kb8? 3.30/22
[51...Kc6± 1.08/21 52.Rf6+ Kb7 53.Rf7+ Kc6 54.Rf6+ Kb7 55.Rf7+]
52.b3+- Rh2 4.46/22
[52...Ra5 3.06/20 might work better.]



53.Nb4! White is clearly winning.
53...Kc8 54.Na6 Rc6 55.Rf8+
[Less strong is 55.Rxf5 Rg6 56.Rg5 Rxg5 57.fxg5 Rg2±]
55...Kb7

(Diagram)



56.Bd5! Kxa6
[56...Kb6 57.Bxc6]
57.Bxc6 Kb6 58.Bd7 White used his chance.
Weighted Error Value: White=0.10 (very precise) /Black=0.30
1-0

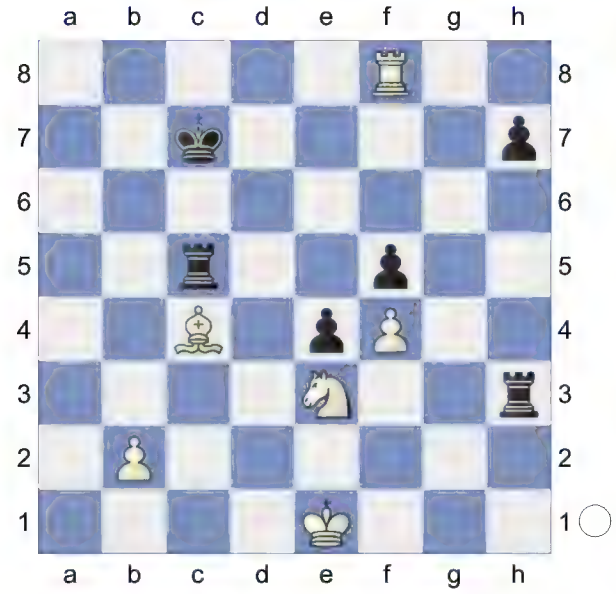
40 **A03**
□ **Carlsen,Magnus** **2837**
■ **Adams,Michael** **2715**
9th London Classic 2017 (7.2) 09.12.17
[Kitty Kat]

A03: Bird's Opening with 1...d5
1.f4 d5 2.Nf3 Nf6 3.g3 g6 4.Bg2 Bg7 5.0-0 0-0 6.d3 c5 7.c3 Nc6 8.Na3 Re8 9.Nh4 -0.71/17
[9.Re1∓ -0.38/16]
9...b6
[9...h6 10.e4 e5 11.exd5 Nxd5 12.f5 g5 13.Nf3 Nce7 14.Qb3 Rb8 15.Bd2 b5 16.Rae1 Bxf5 17.Nxe5 Be6 18.Qd1 Qd6 19.Ng4 f5 20.Ne3 Nc7 21.d4 cxd4 22.cxd4 f4 23.gxf4 gxf4 24.Nec2 C 05/12 (2247)-Shen,F (2131) BdF 2015 CYB 12 [Arkhipov,

Sergey] 0-1 (63)]
10.e4 dxe4 Black has an edge.
11.Qa4N Against Ba6
[11.dxe4 Ba6 12.e5 Bxf1 13.Qxd8 Rexd8 14.Bxc6 Rac8 15.exf6 Rxc6 16.fxe7 Re8 17.Kxf1 Rxe7 18.Nf3 Chapter-Games Game 1]
11...Qxd3 Threatens to win with ...Na5.
12.Qxc6 -1.12/21
[12.Rd1!∓ -0.41/23 Qe2 13.Rd2 Qe3+ 14.Rf2 Qe1+ 15.Rf1]
12...Bd7∓ 13.Qc7 Ng4 -0.66/22
[13...Rec8∓ -1.14/22 14.Qe5 Bc6 15.Qxe7 Re8]
14.Re1 Bd4+ -0.01/23 **15.cxd4** -0.40/20
[15.Kh1= -0.01/23 Nf2+ 16.Kg1 Nh3+ 17.Kh1 Nf2+ 18.Kg1 Nh3+ 19.Kh1 Nf2+]
15...Qxd4+∓ 16.Be3! Nxe3 17.Qe5! f5 0.45/19
[17...Nxg2+∓ -0.40/21 18.Qxd4 cxd4 19.Nxg2 Bc6]

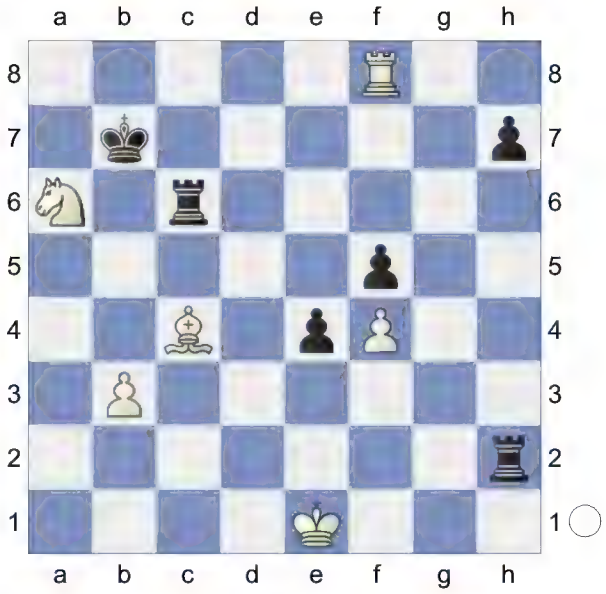
18.Bh3 -0.70/20
[18.Nf3!± 0.45/19 Qd3 *(18...exf3 19.Bxf3)* 19.Bh3]
18...Nc2+ 19.Qxd4 Nxd4 20.Rxe4 fxe4 21.Bxd7 Red8↑ Black is pushing.
22.Ba4 -1.12/21
[22.Bg4∓ -0.55/21]
22...e5 -0.72/21
[⌓22...a6 -1.12/21 23.Nc2 Rac8 24.Nxd4 cxd4 25.Bb3+ Kg7]
23.Re1 -1.20/21
[⌓23.fxe5 -0.72/21 g5 24.Ng2]
23...exf4 24.gxf4 a6 25.Bd1 b5 26.Nb1 Nf5 -0.98/20
[⌓26...Ra7 -1.30/20 27.Ng2 Re7]
27.Nxf5∓ gxf5 28.Kf2 Kf7 -0.55/19
[28...Rd3∓ -1.18/22 Strongly threatening ...Kh8. 29.Be2 Rh3]
29.Be2∓ Rd6 30.h4 c4 31.a4 Rc8 32.axb5 axb5 33.Na3! Rd5! 34.Rc1 Rdc5 0.01/22
[34...Rd2 35.Nxb5 Rb8 36.Nc3=]
[34...Rb8!∓ -0.65/19]
35.Nc2!= Ra8 Hoping for ...Ra2. **36.Ne3 Rac8 37.h5 Ke6** 0.46/21
[37...Kf6= -0.01/22 feels stronger.]
38.h6 -0.34/22
[38.Rc3!± 0.46/21]
38...Kf6 0.01/21
[38...R8c6!∓ -0.34/22]
39.Ra1 -0.31/24
[39.Ke1= 0.01/21]
39...b4 0.01/24
[39...R8c6∓ -0.31/24]
40.Ra6+ Ke7! 41.Ra7+ Kf6 42.Ke1
[Don't play 42.Rxh7 c3 43.bxc3 bxc3∓]
42...b3 0.88/23
[42...c3= -0.01/22 43.bxc3 bxc3]
43.Rb7!± White has strong compensation. &Bianco is more active.
43...Ke6 1.87/24
[43...Kg6± 1.05/24]
44.Rb6+ 0.56/22
[Not 44.Rxh7 c3 45.bxc3 Rb8 46.Bc4+ Kf6∓]
[White should play 44.Rb4+- 1.87/24]
44...Ke7? 2.55/21

[44...Kd7!± 0.56/22]
45.Rb4!+- R8c6 1.06/22
[⌓45...c3 0.71/20 46.bxc3 R8c6]
46.Bxc4 Rxh6 1.57/22
[Better is 46...Kd8 1.05/24]
47.Rxb3± Kd8 48.Rb8+ Kc7 49.Rf8 aiming for Kd2. **49...Rh3**



50.Nd5+ Kb7 51.Rf7+ Kb8? 2.83/21
[51...Kc6± 1.23/21 52.Rf6+ Kb7 53.Rf7+ Kc6 54.Ne7+ Kb6]
52.b3+- Rh2? 4.84/22
[52...Ra5 2.67/22]

53.Nb4! White is clearly winning.
53...Kc8 54.Na6 Rc6 55.Rf8+
[Less strong is 55.Rxf5 Rg6 56.Rg5 Rxg5 57.fxg5 Rg2±]
55...Kb7

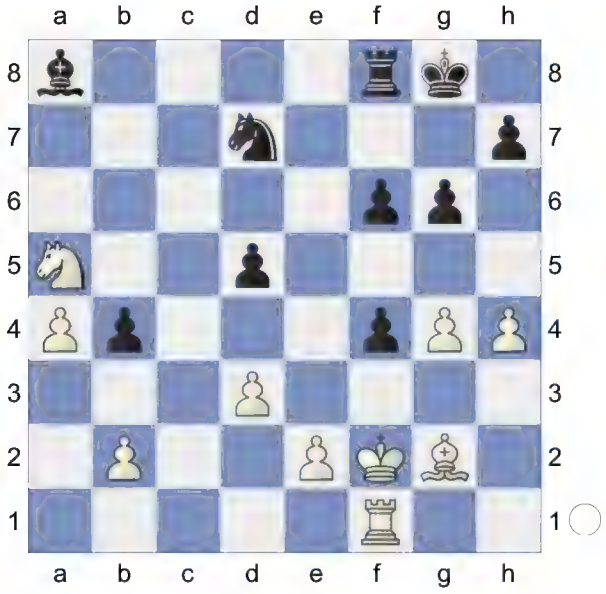


56.Bd5! Kxa6 57.Bxc6 Kb6 58.Bd7
Weighted Error Value: White=0.16 (very precise) /Black=0.38
1-0

41 **A03**
□ **Molina,Roberto Junio Brito** **2832**
■ **Hantel,Thomas** **2808**
Yerevan 41/567 (5) 29.06.2017
[Kitty Kat]

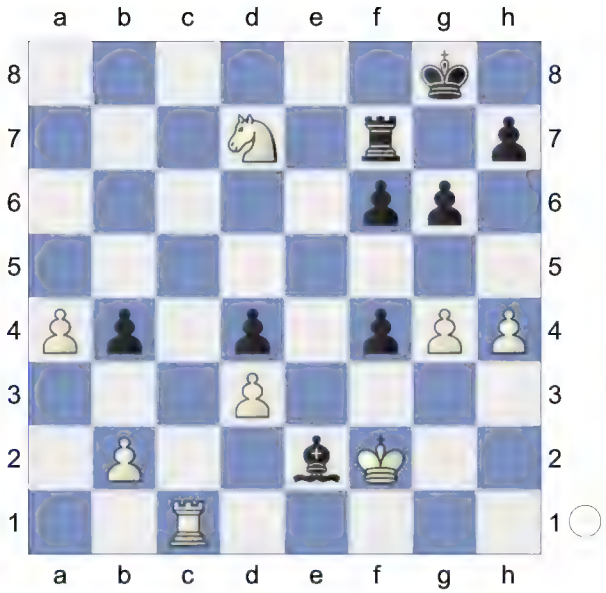
A03: Bird's Opening with 1...d5
1.f4 d5 2.Nf3 Nf6 3.g3 e6 4.Bg2 Be7 5.0-0 b5 6.d3 Bb7 7.Qe1 c5 8.c3 Black is slightly better. **8...0-0 9.a4 b4 10.cxb4 cxb4 11.Kh1 Nc6N**
[11...Bc5 12.Nbd2 a5 13.Nb3 Bb6 ⩲10) 1.f4,1-1.f4 d5 2.Nf3 Nf6 3.g3 #4]
12.Be3 Nd7 13.Nbd2 Bf6 14.Rb1 Re8 -0.44/18
[Black should play 14...Qa5∓ -0.75/18]
15.Nb3∓ a5 16.g4 g6 17.Qf2 Bg7

18.Nbd4 Nxd4 19.Bxd4 Rc8 20.Rbc1 Bxd4 21.Nxd4 Rxc1 22.Rxc1 Qb6 23.Rf1 f6 0.19/18
[23...b3∓ -0.47/19]
24.h4 Rf8 0.34/20
[24...b3= -0.01/19]
25.Kg1!± e5 26.Nb3 Qxf2+ 1.38/23
Black is on the road to losing.
[26...Ba8!= 0.24/21 remains equal.]
27.Kxf2± exf4 28.Nxa5 Ba8



29.Rc1! Ne5 Inhibits Nc6. **30.Bf3 d4** ...Bxf3 is the strong threat. **31.Nc4** Strongly threatening Nxe5. **31...Bxf3** 2.28/21
[31...Nxf3± 1.53/21 32.exf3 Rc8]
32.Nxe5+- Bxe2± Endgame KRB-KRN **33.Nd7 Rf7**

(Diagram)



34.Nxf6+ Rxf6 35.Kxe2+- aiming for Kf3. KR-KR **35...Re6+** 3.41/24
[⌓35...Ra6 1.98/21 36.Rc4 Rxa4 37.Rxd4 Ra1]
36.Kf2 Kf7 37.a5 g5? 4.50/25
[37...Ke8 2.46/21 38.Kf3 Kd7]
38.hxg5 White is clearly winning.
38...Kg6 39.Rc5 f3 40.Kxf3 Re3+ 41.Kf4 Rxd3 42.a6 White wants to mate with a7. **42...Rd1 43.Ra5 d3 44.Ke3**
Weighted Error Value: White=0.09 (flawless) /Black=0.35
1-0

42 **B20**
□ **Carlsen,Magnus** **2832**
■ **Guseinov,Gadir** **2645**
chess.com Speed 3m+2spm 2017 (1.12)
[Kitty Kat]

B20: Sicilian: Unusual White 2nd moves
1.f4 d6 2.Nf3 c5 3.g3 Nc6 4.Bg2 g6 5.0-0 Bg7 6.d3 e5 7.e4 Nge7 8.c3 0-0 9.Na3 f5N 0.60/18
[9...exf4= -0.13/18
A) 10.gxf4 d5 11.e5 *(11.Qe1 b6*

12.Qh4 Ba6 13.f5 gxf5 14.exd5 Nxd5 15.Ng5 h6 16.Rxf5 Nde7 17.Rxf7 Rxf7 18.Nxf7 Kxf7 19.Bxh6 Qd6 20.Rf1+ Kg8 21.Bxg7 Kxg7 22.Be4 Rh8 23.Qg5+ Ng6 24.Rf2 Nce5 25.Rg2 Bxd3 0-1 6.bc3 ♕f6 7.♘f3 ♘f3 e5 (2485)-13. ♗g5 h6 14. ♗h4 a 5 _ 2 1 4 6 6 (2 6 4 8) 1 4 / 2 5 8 Kecskemet 1972 (2)*)* 11...d4 12.c4 Bf5 13.Ng5 Qd7 14.Ne4 b6 15.Qf3 Nb4 16.h3 Rad8 17.Bd2 f6 18.exf6 Bxf6 19.Bxb4 cxb4 20.Nc2 a5 21.b3 Bg7 22.Rae1 Kh8 23.a3 bxa3 24.Nxa3 Ng8 1-0 (40) Dolgikh,Y-Gilezetdinov,S Kazakhstan ch 7476 1974;

B) 10.Bxf4 d5 *(10...Ne5 11.Nc4 N7c6 12.Ne3 Nxf3+ 13.Qxf3 g5 14.Qh5 gxf4 15.Rxf4 h6 16.h4 Ne5 17.Raf1 Nxd3 18.Rxf7 Ne5 19.Rxf8+ Bxf8 20.Nf5 Qf6 21.Qe8 Qe6 22.Qd8 Nc6* 0-1 Sethuraman, S (2711)-2 b4 and 2 a3 (2635) corr L21K1-H(6-7) 2023 (5) *)*]

[9...Rb8 10.f5 gxf5 11.Nh4 fxe4 12.dxe4 Be6 13.Nf5 Qd7 14.Nxg7 Kxg7 15.Qh5 Ng8 16.Rf6 Nce7 17.Rh6 Rfc8 18.Rxh7+ Kf8 19.Bg5 Ng6 20.Rf1 Ke8 21.Rg7 N8e7 22.Qh7 Nf8 23.Qh8 b5 24.Bh3 0-1 (40) Batsiashvili,N (2472)-Eljanov, P (2734) Douglas ENG, Isle of Man Open 2017 (7.6)]

10.fxe5 dxe5 11.Be3 b6 White is better. **12.exf5 Bxf5** 1.26/21

[12...gxf5± 0.48/17 13.Bg5 Bb7]

13.Ng5± Black must now prevent Qd1-b3+. **13...Qxd3** 1.18/20

[13...Nd5± 0.53/21 14.Qb3 Nce7]

14.Qb3+ Kh8

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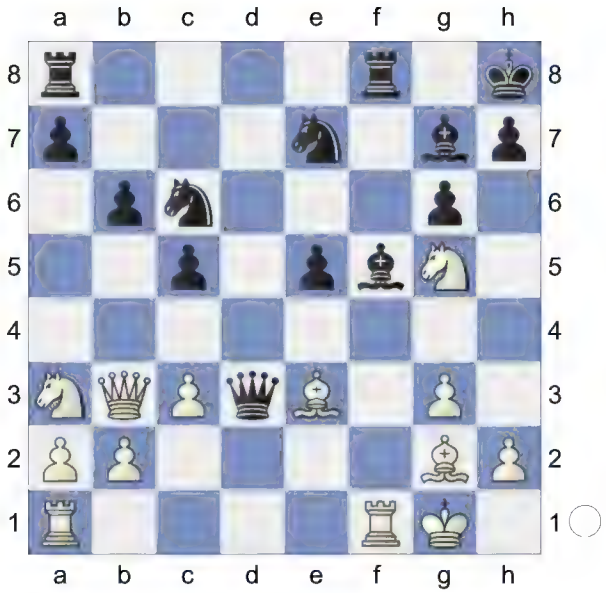

15.Rfe1 White has more active pieces.

[15.Rae1 h6 16.Nf7+ Kh7∓]

15...Bg4 1.69/20 Against Ra1-d1

[15...h6± 1.08/20]

16.Nf7++- Rxf7 17.Qxf7 Rf8 2.52/21

[⌓17...Qd7 1.86/19 18.Qf2 Qe6]

18.Qc4 Qd7 19.Rf1 Re8 20.Qf7? 0.92/18

[20.Bg5+- 2.52/18 is more deadly.]

20...Be6 1.86/20

[20...e4± 0.92/18]

21.Rad1 Bxf7? 4.42/21 This move loses the game for Black.

[21...Qc8± 1.53/19 22.Qf2 Rf8]

22.Rxd7 Bxa2 23.Nb5 Be6 24.Rxe7 Nxe7 25.Nc7! Nf5 26.Bg5 Prevents Re8-e7.

[Less strong is 26.Nxe8 Nxe3 27.Rf2 a5±]

[26.Rxf5 Re7 27.Nxe6 gxf5 28.Nxg7 *(28.Bd5 a5±)* 28...Kxg7=]

26...h6 27.Nxe8 hxg5 28.Re1 Against Nf5-e3 **28...Bf7 29.Nxg7**

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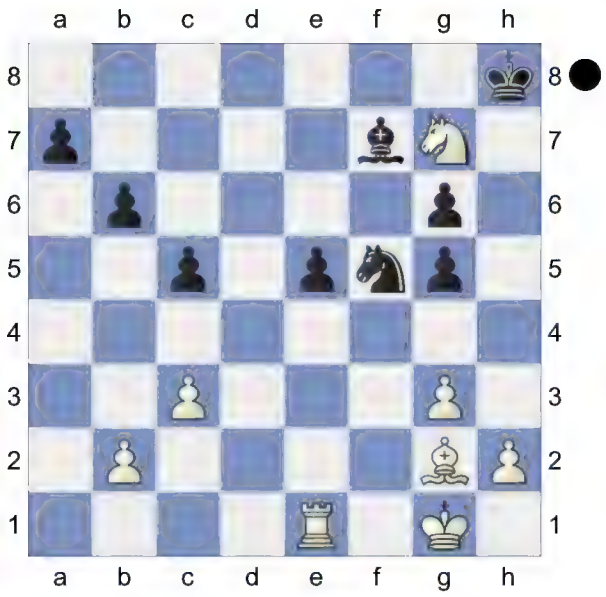

Remove Defender **29...Kxg7 30.Rxe5** Endgame KRB-KBN **30...Kf6 31.Re1 Nd6 32.Bf1 a5 33.Kf2 b5 34.Bd3 a4 35.Ke3 b4** 2.86/24

[⌓35...Be6 1.82/23 36.Kd2 Bh3]

36.Ra1 a3? 4.25/23

[36...bxc3 2.47/23 was called for. 37.bxc3 *(37.Rxa4 cxb2 38.Ra6 Ke5±)* 37...Bb3]

37.bxa3 b3 38.a4 c4 39.Bb1 White is clearly winning. **39...Ke5 40.a5 Nb5 41.Kd2 Bd5 42.a6 Kd6 43.a7 Ba8 44.h4 gxh4 45.gxh4**

[45.Bxg6 h3 46.Be8 *(46.Ra6+ Kc5∓)* 46...b2 47.Ra6+ Ke7∓]

45...Kc5 46.Bxg6 b2 47.Ra2 Weighted Error Value: White=0.18 (very precise) /Black=0.73

1-0

43 **A02**

□ **Moussard,Jules** **2626**

■ **Santos Latasa,Jaime** **2588**

7. Sunway TB 2-5 (2.3) 23.12.2020

[Kitty Kat]

B00: Queen's Fianchetto Defence, Nimzowitsch Defence

1.f4 b6 2.e4 Bb7 3.Nc3

[3.d3 g6 4.Nf3 Bg7 5.g3 e6 6.Bg2 Ne7 7.0-0 d5 8.Nc3 0-0 9.e5 c5 10.Qe1 Nbc6 11.g4 Nb4 12.Rf2 d4 13.Ne4 Nbd5 14.Bd2 Qd7 15.Re2 Rac8 16.Nd6 Rc7 17.Nxb7 Rxb7 1-0 (27) Lakdawala,C-Singh,G 49: (rapid) San Diego 2006]

3...e6 4.Nf3 d5

[4...c5 5.d3 d6 6.g4 h5 7.g5 g6 8.Bh3 Ne7 9.0-0 Nbc6 10.Qe1 Qd7 11.Nd5 Bg7 12.Nf6+ Bxf6 13.gxf6 Ng8 14.f5 gxf5 15.exf5 e5 16.Bg5 0-0-0 17.Qd2 Re8 18.Nh4 Kb8 19.c3 1-0 (31) Vienna Variation,W (2538)-6.h3 e5 7.d5 a5 (2390) Petroff Memorial 2000]

5.Bb5+N

[5.exd5 exd5 6.d4 Nf6 7.Bb5+ c6 8.Bd3 Be7 9.g4 c5 10.Qe2 Nxg4 11.Rg1 c4 12.Bf5 Nh6 13.Bh3 0-0 14.f5 Kh8 15.Bf4 Bh4+ 16.Kf1 Bf6 17.Nb5 Ba6 18.a4 Bxb5 19.axb5 Qd7 0-1 (32) Jakubiec,A-Schandorff,L Danish League 2012]

5...c6 6.Be2 Nf6 0.39/19

[6...dxe4= -0.20/17 7.Nxe4 a6]

7.e5± Nfd7 8.d4 White is slightly better. **8...c5 9.Be3 Nc6 10.0-0 Be7 11.Bb5 Qc7 12.Ne2 a6 13.Bxc6 Bxc6 14.c3 f5 15.exf6** -0.05/18

[15.Ng5± 0.34/17 Nf8 16.Rf3]

15...Nxf6= 16.Ne5 Bb5 17.f5 Bxe2 0.35/18

[17...Bd6= -0.21/18 18.c4 *(18.fxe6*

Bxe5 19.dxe5 Qxe5∓) 18...dxc4 *(18...Bxc4 19.Nxc4 dxc4 20.Nf4=)*]

18.Qxe2± exf5 19.Rxf5 0-0 20.Raf1 cxd4 0.67/22

[20...Qc8= 0.27/18]

21.cxd4 Bd6 0.83/20

[21...Qc8± 0.42/20 is superior.]

22.Qf3 0.26/22 White is more active.

[22.h4± 0.83/20]

22...Ne4= 23.g3 Qe7 24.Nf7

[24.Rxf8+ Rxf8 25.Qxf8+ Qxf8 26.Rxf8+ Bxf8 27.Kg2]

24...Nf6? 3.35/23

[24...Qe6= -0.01/22]

25.Ne5? -0.31/22

[25.Nh6++- 3.35/23 Kh8 *(25...gxh6? 26.Bxh6 Rf7 27.Rxf6+-)* 26.Bg5]

25...Ne4 0.07/25

[25...Qe6∓ -0.31/22]

26.Qg4

[26.Rxf8+ simplifies Rxf8 27.Qxf8+ Qxf8 28.Rxf8+ Bxf8 29.Kf1]

26...Rxf5 27.Rxf5 Nf6 28.Qf3 Rf8 0.38/25

[28...Qe6= -0.19/21]

29.Bg5± Qe6 30.Bxf6→ White has some attack. **30...Rxf6 31.Rxf6 gxf6** Endgame KQB-KQN **32.Ng4 f5** 2.34/25

[32...Kf7!± 0.38/22]

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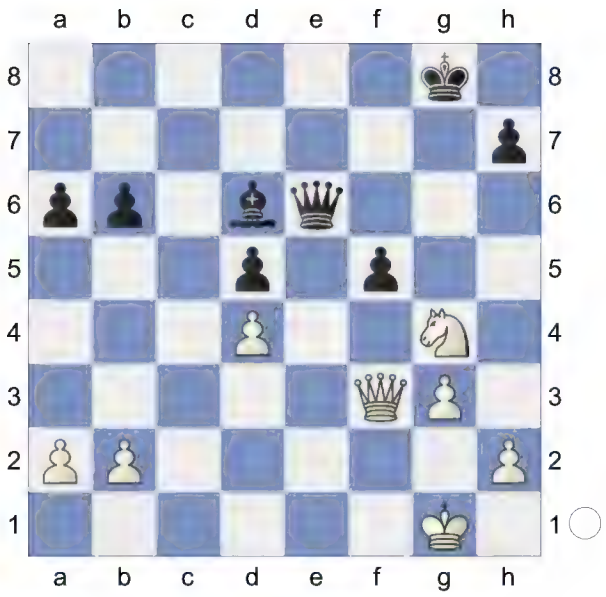


33.Qxd5! Decoy **33...Qxd5**

[33...Kf7 34.Qf3]

34.Nf6+ Kf7 35.Nxd5± KB-KN. White is a pawn up. **35...b5 36.Ne3 f4** 2.09/25

[36...Ke6± 1.18/23]

37.Nf5+- Bb8 38.gxf4? -0.49/25

[38.g4+- 1.87/25]

38...Ke6 0.01/25

[Black should try 38...Bxf4∓ -0.49/25 39.Ng3 Be3+ 40.Kg2 Bxd4]

39.Ng7+= Kf7 1.00/29

[39...Kd5= -0.01/24]

40.Nh5± Kg6 41.Ng3 Bxf4 42.Kf2 Repels Bf4-e3+ **42...h5 43.Kf3 Bd6** 1.80/27

[43...Bc7± 1.30/25 44.Nf1 Kg5]

44.h3+- Be7 1.74/25

[44...Bc7± 1.30/25 keeps fighting. 45.Ne2 Kf5]

45.Ke4 Ng3-f5 would now be deadly.

45...Kg5 4.18/23

[45...Bd6 1.65/26]

46.Nf5 Bf6 47.b3 a5? 7.17/25

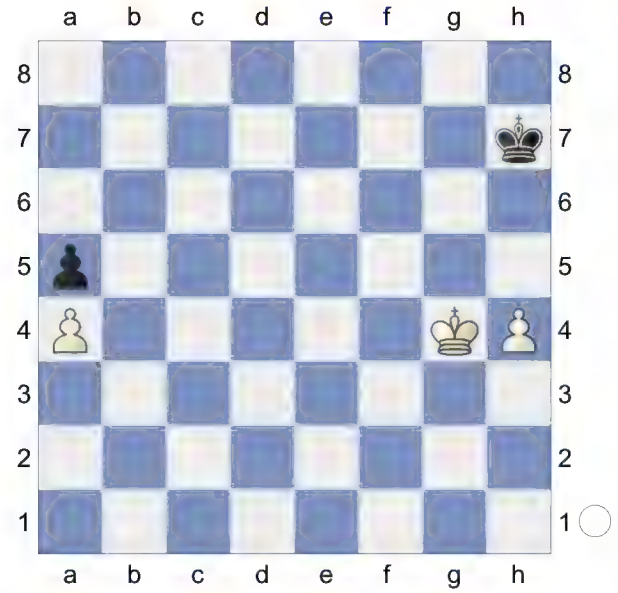
[47...Kg6 3.52/22 48.Nd6 Kg5]

48.a4 bxa4 49.bxa4 Bd8 50.d5? 3.12/24

[50.Ke5 9.34/28 Bc7+ 51.Ke6]

50...Bf6? 11.43/22

[50...Kf6 3.12/24 51.Ng3 Kg5]
51.d6 Bd8 52.d7? 0.01/22
[52.Nd4+- 11.40/25 Kg6 53.Kd5]
52...Kf6= 53.Nd4 Ke7 54.Nc6+ Kxd7 55.Nxd8 Kxd8 KPP-KPP **56.Kf5 Ke7 57.Kg5 Ke6! 58.Kg6**
[58.Kxh5!? Kf5□ 59.h4=]
58...h4 59.Kg5 Ke5 60.Kxh4 KPP-KP. White is a pawn up. **60...Kf4** 1.18/5
[60...Kf5= 0.01/54]
61.Kh5± Kf5! 62.h4 Kf6 63.Kg4
[63.Kh6!?]
63...Kg6 64.Kf4
[64.Kf3!? Kh5□ 65.Kg3=]
64...Kh5 65.Kg3 Kg6 66.Kh3
[66.Kg4!?]
66...Kh5 67.Kg3 Kh6 68.Kg4 Kh7? #21/30
[68...Kg6= 0.01/33]



69.h5? 0.01/61
[69.Kf5 #21/30 Kh6 70.Ke4 Kh5 71.Kd5 Kg6 72.Kc4 Kh5 73.Kb5 Kxh4 74.Kxa5]
69...Kg8? #20/36
[69...Kg7= 0.01/61]
70.Kg5? 0.01/51
[70.Kf3 #20/36 mates Kh7 71.Ke4 Kh6 72.Kd4 Kxh5 73.Kc5 Kg6 74.Kb6 Kf7 75.Kxa5]
70...Kh8? 14.60/35
[70...Kg7= 0.01/51]
71.h6? 0.01/68
[White should try 71.Kf6+- 14.60/35 Kf6-e5 would kill now. Kh7 72.Ke7]
71...Kg8 The position is equal. **72.Kh4**
[72.Kg6!?]
72...Kh7 73.Kg5 Kg8 74.Kh5
[74.Kg6!?]
74...Kh7 75.Kg5 Kg8
Weighted Error Value: White=0.48/ Black=0.62
Sensor Board Error (Ke4/e5)?
1-0

44 **A03**
□ **Ilamparthi A R** **2440**
■ **Narayanan S L** **2695**
Dubai Police Global Chess Challenge M..
[Kitty Kat]

A03: Bird's Opening with 1...d5
MH: 'A03: Bird's Opening with 1...d5 Inf 109/(1)' **1.f4 d5 2.Nf3 Nf6 3.g3 g6 4.Bg2 Bg7 5.0-0 0-0 6.e3**
[6.d3 c5 7.c3 Nc6 8.Qe1 d4 9.Na3 Nd5 10.Bd2 Re8 11.Nc4 b6 12.e4 dxe3 13.Nxe3 Bb7 14.f5 Nxe3 15.Qxe3 gxf5 16.Rae1 e6 17.Ng5 Qd7 18.Nh3 Ne5 19.Bxb7 Qxb7 20.Nf4 Rad8 Xiong,J (2692)-Araujo Sanchez,J (2303) Chess.com INT 2022 CBM 211 Extra [MH] 0-1 (50)]
6...c5 7.d4N
[7.d3 Nc6 8.Bd2 Be6 9.Na3 Qd7 10.Qe2 Bg4 11.c3 e5 12.fxe5 Nxe5 13.Nxe5 Bxe2 14.Nxd7 Nxd7 15.Rf2 Bxd3 16.Bxd5 Nf6 17.Bxb7 Rab8 18.Bc6 Rxb2 19.c4 Ne4 20.Bxe4

Bxe4 21.Nb5 Rxd2 Minot,B (1430)-Schrader,E (1757) Aix les Bains 2011 CBM 142 Extra [ChessBase II] 0-1]

7...Nc6 8.c3 Bf5 9.Nbd2 Qc8 10.Re1 Black is slightly better. **10...Bh3 11.Bh1 Bg4 12.Qb3 c4**

[12...Rd8 feels hotter. 13.Ne5 Bh3 14.Qb5 Nxe5 15.dxe5 Ng4]

13.Qc2 Bf5 14.Qd1 b5 15.Ne5 Nxe5 16.fxe5 Ne4 17.a4 a6

[Don't do 17...Bg4 18.Qc2±]

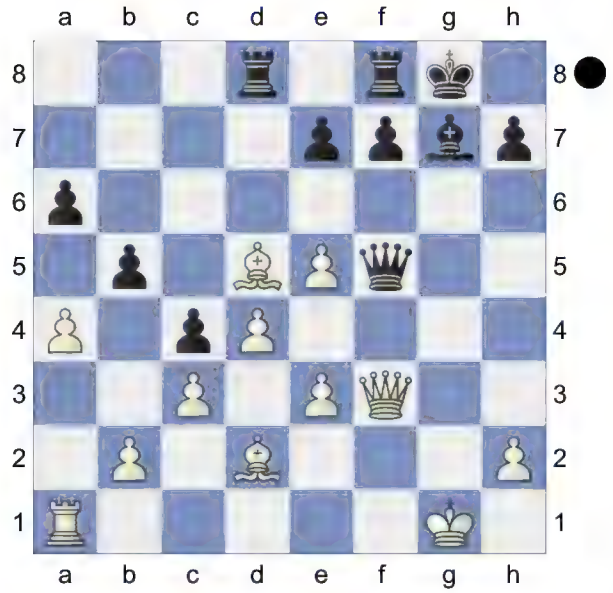
18.Rf1 Nxd2 &Nero is more active.

19.Bxd2 Qb7 20.Rxf5 -1.26/20 **gxf5∓ 21.g4 Qd7** -0.66/21

[21...fxg4∓ -1.23/19 Threatens to win with ...f5. 22.e4 bxa4 23.exd5 Qxb2]

22.gxf5∓ Qxf5 23.Bxd5 Rad8 24.Qf3 -1.08/19

[24.e4∓ -0.59/20 Qg6+ 25.Kh1]



24...Qxf3!∓ Chess con chili. **25.Bxf3 Bxe5! 26.Bc6** -1.50/22

[Better is 26.axb5∓ -0.40/19 axb5 27.h3]

26...Rd6 27.axb5 axb5 28.Bg2 Bf6 29.Ra5 -1.54/20

[⌓29.e4 -1.19/19]

29...Rb6 30.Kf2 Kh8 31.Ke2 Bh4 32.Bd5 -1.80/22

[32.e4∓ -1.32/22 was necessary.]

32...Rg8-+ 33.Kd1? -3.71/23

[33.Ra1 -1.80/20 was worth a try.]

33...Rg5 34.Bxf7 -6.24/24

[34.Ba8 -3.69/24]

34...Rf6 Black is clearly winning. **35.Be8 Rf2** White must now prevent ...Rgg2. **36.Bc6 Rxh2 37.Rxb5 Rg1+ 38.Kc2 Be1**

Weighted Error Value: White=0.32/Black=0.04 (flawless)

0-1

45 **A03**

□ **Nakamura,Hikaru** **2750**

■ **Mirzoev,Azer** **2482**

Titled Tue 12th Apr Late blitz (2) 12.4.22

[Kitty Kat]

A03: Bird's Opening with 1...d5

1.f4 d5 2.Nf3 Nf6 3.b3 g6 4.Bb2 Bg7 5.g3 0-0 6.Bg2 b6N

[6...c5 7.e3 Nc6 8.0-0 Bg4 *(8...d4 9.Qe2 Bf5 10.Ne1 Bxc2 11.Nxc2 d3*

12.Qd1 dxc2 13.Qxc2 Nb4 14.Qc4 Rb8 15.a4 b6 16.Rd1 Rc8 17.Na3 e6 18.e4 Qe7 19.e5 Nfd5 20.Nb5 Rfd8 21.a5 bxa5 22.Rxa5 Nb6 23.Qe2 1-0 (64) Weber,B-3..a6 Russia 1969*)* 9.h3 Bxf3 10.Rxf3 d4 11.Na3 Qd7 12.exd4 Nxd4 13.Rd3 Rad8 14.Bxd4 cxd4 15.c4 Qf5 16.Qf3 Qc5 17.Nc2 Rd7 18.Re1 e6 19.Kh2 Ne8 20.a4 Nd6 21.Qf1 0-1 (53) Vykopal,J-Krecmer,M Czech Republic ch-3 8788 1987 a6 22.Rf3 b5 23.axb5 axb5 24.d3 bxc4 25.dxc4 Rc8 26.Rd3 h5 27.Qf2 Nf5 28.g4 hxg4 29.hxg4 Nh6 30.Qf3 e5 31.f5 Bf6 32.Qh3 Bg5 33.Be4 Kg7 34.Kg2 Rh8 35.Qf3 Rdd8 36.Rh1 0-1 (53) Mahaffey,S-Polugaevsky,L Leiden (rapid) 147/169 2020]

7.0-0 Bb7 8.e3 The position is equal. **8...a5 9.Qe2 a4 10.d3 Nbd7 11.Nbd2** -0.27/19

[⌓11.b4 0.16/17]

11...axb3 0.24/19

[⌓11...c5 -0.27/19]

12.axb3= c5 13.Ne5 -0.01/18

[13.e4± 0.35/19]

13...Qc7 14.c4 Rxa1 15.Rxa1 Ra8 Repels Ra1-a7 **16.Rxa8+ Bxa8 17.Qd1 Bb7 18.Qa1 dxc4?** 2.00/22

[Black should try 18...Nf8± 0.39/17]

19.Qa7!+- Nxe5 20.Bxe5 Qd7 2.39/21

[20...Qd8 1.94/22 keeps fighting.]

21.Qxb7 Qxd3 22.Nxc4 Qxb3 23.Qa8+? 1.34/23

[23.Nxb6 Qxe3+ 24.Kf1 Qc1+ 25.Ke2 Qc2+ 26.Ke1 Qc1+ 27.Ke2 Qc2+ 28.Ke1 Qc1+ 29.Ke2=]

[23.Qxe7+- 3.40/23 is more deadly. White threatens Qe7-d8+ and mate. h5 24.Bf1]

23...Bf8± 24.Bxf6 exf6

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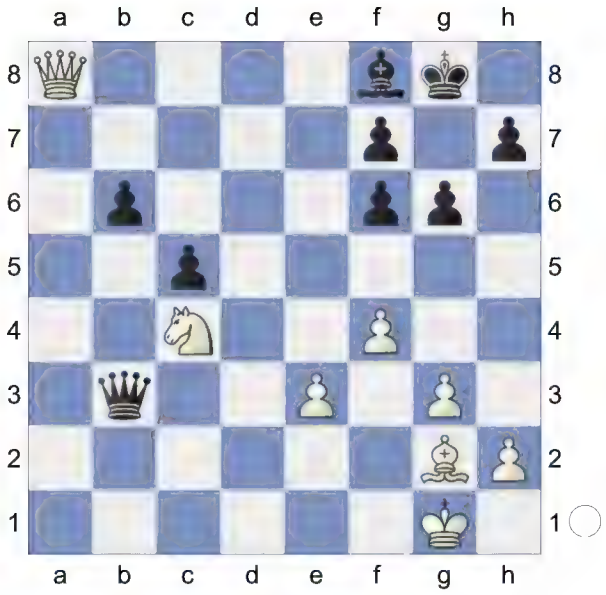


25.Bd5 0.01/23

[25.Qe4!± 1.35/23]

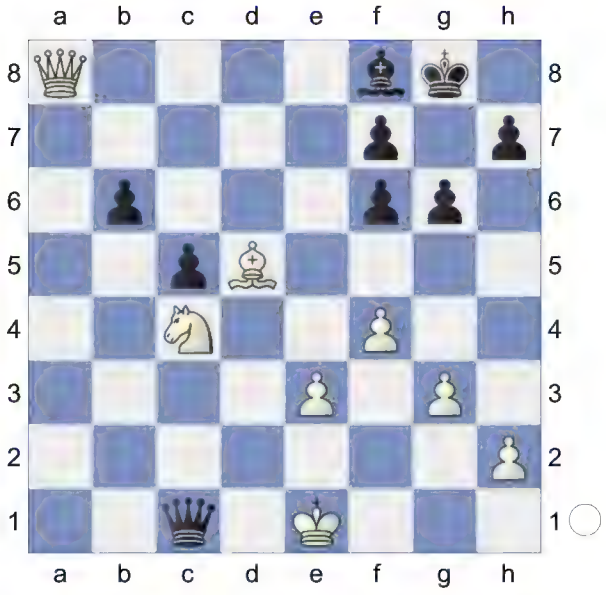
25...Qd1+? 2.32/28

[25...Qb1+!= 0.01/23 26.Kf2 Qc2+ 27.Ke1 g5]

26.Kf2+- aiming for e3-e4!. **26...Qc2+** 3.52/24

[⌓26...b5 2.35/25]

27.Ke1 Qc1+



28.Ke2! Qc2+ 29.Nd2 c4 30.Qb7 Qd3+ 31.Kf3 Be7 32.Bxc4

[Weaker is 32.Nxc4 Qf1+ 33.Ke4 Qb1+ 34.Kf3 *(34.Kd4 Bc5+ 35.Kc3*

Bb4+ 36.Kd4 Qd1+-+) 34...Qf1+ 35.Ke4 Qb1+ 36.Kf3 Qf1+=]

32...Qxd2 33.Qxe7 Qd1+ 34.Kf2 Qd2+ 35.Be2 Qb2 36.Qd8+ Kg7 37.Qd4 Qb1 38.g4 b5? 7.44/26

[38...Qh1 3.36/23 39.Qxb6 Qxh2+ 40.Ke1 Qh1+ 41.Kd2 Qg2]

39.g5

Weighted Error Value: White=0.24 (precise) /Black=0.48

1-0

46 **A03**

□ **Nakamura,Hikaru** **2749**

■ **Smirnov,Ant** **2569**

PRO League Group (7) 20.02.2019

[Kitty Kat]

A03: Bird's Opening with 1...d5

1.f4 d5 2.Nf3 g6 3.g3 Bg7 4.Bg2 Nf6 5.0-0 0-0 6.d3 c5 7.c3 Nc6 8.Qc2 Re8

[8...d4 9.Nbd2 dxc3 10.bxc3 Nd5 11.Ne4 Nxc3 12.Nxc3 Nd4 13.Qb2 Nxf3+ 14.Rxf3 Qd4+ 15.Be3 Qxc3 16.Qxc3 Bxc3 17.Rc1 Bd4 18.Bxd4 cxd4 19.Rc7 Be6 20.Rf1 Bxa2 21.Bxb7 Rab8 22.Ra1 Be6 23.Rxa7 1-0 (62) Scharff,K (1901)-Heedt,T (2192) Leverkusen-ch op 2005 (2)]

9.e4 b5N 0.34/18

[9...e5∓ -0.69/18 10.Nxe5 Nxe5 11.fxe5 Rxe5 12.Bf4 Re7 13.e5 *(13.Bg5 dxe4 14.Bxf6 Bxf6 15.Rxf6 exd3 16.Qd1 Bf5 17.Nd2 Re2 18.Rxf5 gxf5 19.Bf3 Qe7 20.Bxe2 dxe2 21.Qe1 Qe3+ 22.Kg2 Rd8 23.Nf3 Rd3 24.Ng1 h6* 7) 1.f4-1.f4 #13 Lifetime Repertoires: Sidelines and Fla 2024*)* 13...Ng4 14.Bg5 Bxe5 15.Bxe7 Qxe7 16.Qd2 Ne3 17.Re1 Nc2 7) 1.f4-1.f4 #12 Lifetime Repertoires: Sidelines and Fla 2024]

10.Ne5 -0.81/19

[10.e5± 0.34/18 stays ahead.]

10...Bb7 0.37/20

[10...Nxe5∓ -0.81/19 11.fxe5 Ng4 12.exd5 Bxe5 *(12...Nxe5 13.Bf4∓)*]

11.Nxc6± Bxc6 12.e5 Nd7 13.d4 cxd4 14.cxd4 Qb6 15.Be3 e6 16.Nd2 b4 17.Rfc1 Rec8 18.Nb3 -0.10/17

[18.Nf3± 0.42/18]

18...a5 19.Qf2 Qb7 20.g4 a4 21.Nc5 Nxc5 22.dxc5 f6 23.exf6 Bxf6 24.Bd4 Qg7 25.Bxf6 Qxf6 26.Re1 Rf8 27.g5 Qf5 28.Qd2 -0.33/21

[Better is 28.Rad1= 0.26/21]

28...Rae8

[28...Qxf4? 29.Qxf4 Rxf4 30.Rxe6±]

29.Rf1 b3 30.axb3 axb3 31.Rae1 Bb5 0.55/20

[31...Qc2= 0.01/21 32.Qd4 Qf5]

32.Rf2 Bc4 0.90/21

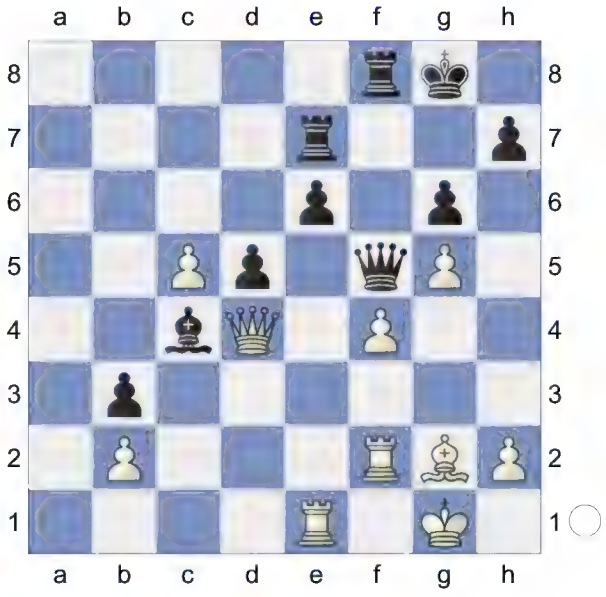
[32...Rc8± 0.40/21]

33.Qd4 0.38/20

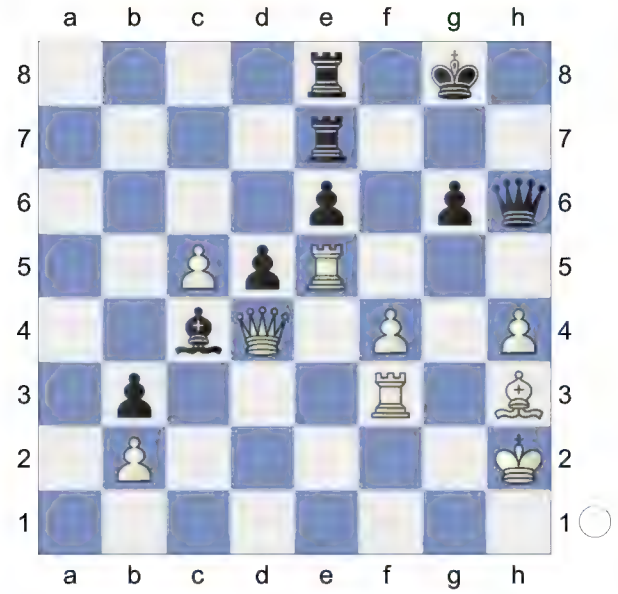
[33.Rf3± 0.90/21]

33...Re7 1.39/21

[33...Qd3!± 0.38/20 34.Qe5 Qf5]



34.Rf3!± Qg4 35.h3 Qf5 1.83/21
[35...Qh4± 1.41/20 36.Re5 Bb5]
36.Kh2+- Qf7 37.h4 Black is weak on the dark squares **37...Rfe8** 2.94/20
[37...Qg7 2.00/19 38.Re5 Ree8]
38.Re5 Qg7 39.Bh3 h6? 5.11/21
[39...Rc8 2.46/18 was necessary. 40.Qe3 *(40.Bxe6+? is the wrong capture. Rxe6 Pin 41.Rfe3 Rf8-+)* 40...Kh8]
40.gxh6 Qxh6

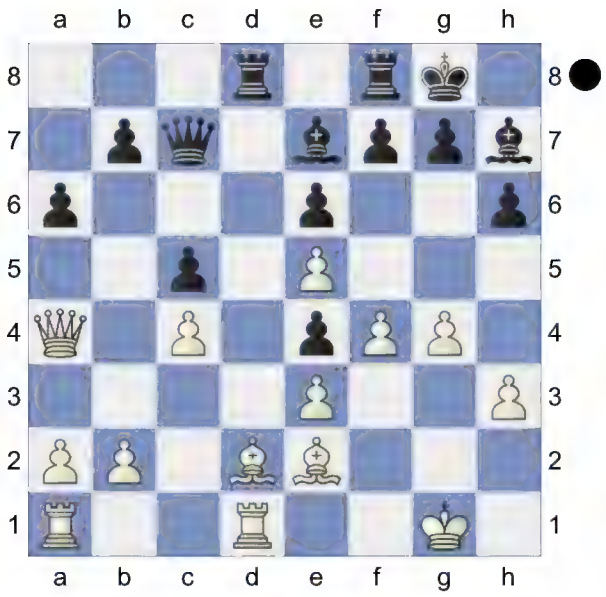


41.h5 gxh5
[41...Kf7 42.c6]
42.Rg3+ Rg7 43.Rxg7+ Kxg7
44.Rxe6+ Discovered Attack (Check).
Weighted Error Value: White=0.30/ Black=0.72
1-0

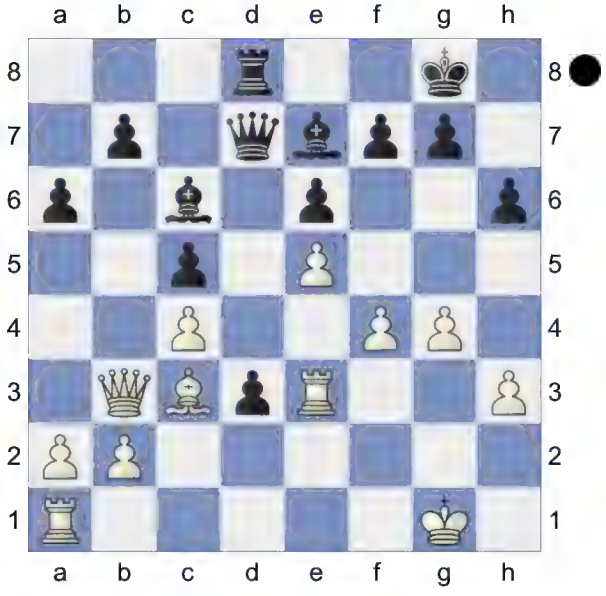
47 **D00**
□ **Chigaev,Maksim** **2496**
■ **Nepomniachtchi,Ian** **2728**
Sochi blitz (3.9) 26.10.2021
[Kitty Kat]

D00: 1 d4 d5: Unusual lines
Tieken,Frank: 'Tieken,Frank, MH: 'A03: Bird's Opening with 1...d5'' **1.f4 d5**
2.Nf3 Bg4 3.e3 e6 4.d4 Nf6 5.Bd3
[5.Nbd2 h6 6.Be2 c5 7.Ne5 Bxe2 8.Qxe2 Nc6 9.c3 Be7 10.0-0 0-0 11.b3 Rc8 12.Bb2 a6 13.c4 Qb6 14.Ndf3 Rfd8 15.Rac1 Ne4 16.Nxc6 bxc6 17.Ne5 Qb7 18.Rc2 cxd4 19.exd4 c5 Rades,A (2259)-Shevtsov (2401) Capelle la Grande 2013 The Week in Chess 444 [Olsson; Korrschack 3/2001] ½-½ (34)]
5...c5 6.c3 Nc6N
[6...Bd6 7.Nbd2 0-0 8.dxc5 Bxc5 9.Nb3 Nbd7 10.Qc2 Qb6 11.Nfd4 Bh5 12.0-0 Bd6 13.a4 a6 14.a5 Qc7 15.g3 Rfe8 16.Nf3 Rad8 17.Nh4 Ne4 18.Qg2 Be7 19.Nf3 Bg6 20.Qc2 e5 21.fxe5 Serrajotto,M (2202)-Tieken,F (1953) ICCF 2012 Kommentierte Partien2024 [Tieken, Frank] 0-1 (54) Nxe5 22.Nxe5 Qxe5 23.Bxe4 Bxe4 24.Qe2 Qe6 25.Nd2 Bg6 26.Nf3 Rc8 27.Nd4 Qd7 28.Bd2 Bd6 29.b4 Be4 30.Rf2 Re5 31.Rf4 Rg5 32.Rh4 Rg6 33.Qh5 h6 34.Rf1 Re8 35.Qd1 Be7 36.Rh5 9.♖b1 ♗f5 (2202)-Burtch,J (1953) email ICCF 2012 CYB 12 [Nesis,G/ Sveshnikov,E] 0-1 (54)]
7.0-0 Be7 8.Nbd2 0-0 9.h3 Bf5 Black is slightly better. **10.Be2 h6** &Nero is more active. **11.g4 Bh7**
12.Ne5 Ne4 13.Nxe4 dxe4 -0.26/19
[13...Bxe4∓ -0.58/21 14.Bd3 Bxd3 15.Qxd3 Nxe5 16.fxe5 Qb6]
14.Qa4 Qc7 15.Bd2 Nxe5 16.dxe5 a6 17.c4 Prevents b5. **17...Rad8 18.Rfd1** -0.49/18
[18.Be1= -0.04/19 is more appropriate.]

(Diagram)



18...Rd3!∓ 19.Bxd3
[19.Rac1 Rdd8]
19...exd3 20.e4 -1.42/20
[20.Rac1∓ -0.56/20]
20...Bxe4∓ 21.Re1 Bc6 Black has strong compensation. This bishop pair is nice. **22.Qb3 Rd8 23.Re3 Qd7 24.Bc3?** -6.48/21
[24.a4 -1.84/20]



24...Ba4-+ 25.Rxd3 Qxd3
[Weaker is 25...Bxb3 26.Rxd7 Rxd7 27.axb3∓]
26.Qxa4 Qg3+ Black mates. **27.Kf1 Qxh3+ 28.Kg1 Qxg4+** -22.02/23
Weighted Error Value: White=0.86/ Black=0.03 (flawless)
[⌓28...Rd3 -#10/19 29.Be1 Qxg4+ 30.Kf1 Rh3 31.Qd1 Qxf4+ 32.Bf2 Rh2 33.Qe2 Bh4 34.Kg1 Bxf2+ 35.Kf1 Be3+ 36.Ke1 Rh1+ 37.Qf1 Qxf1#]
0-1

48 **A03**
□ **Goksel,Doga Cihan** **2557**
■ **Zur Theorie der Philidor** **2640**
Club Progresso sim +22=0-2 (6.4)
[Kitty Kat]

A03: Bird's Opening with 1...d5
1.f4 d5 2.g3 h5 3.Nf3 h4
[3...Bg4 4.Bg2 Nd7 5.Nc3 c6 6.d3 Ngf6 7.0-0 Qc7 8.e4 dxe4 9.dxe4 e5 10.h3 Bc5+ 11.Kh1 h4 12.Qe1 Bxf3 13.Rxf3 Nh5 14.gxh4 Nxf4 15.Bxf4 exf4 16.e5 Be3 17.Nd1 Nxe5 18.Rf1 Fahrner,K (2369)-Polzin, R (2464) Rethymno 2003 CBM 098 [Ftacnik,Lubomir] 0-1 (32)]
4.Bg2 h3N
[4...Nc6 5.Nxh4 e5 6.fxe5 Rxh4 7.gxh4 Qxh4+ 8.Kf1 Bh3 9.d3 Nxe5 10.Qd2 Bxg2+ 11.Kxg2 Qg4+ 12.Kf1 Qh3+ 13.Ke1 Qh4+ 14.Kd1 Ng4 15.Rf1 Nf2+ 16.Rxf2 Qxf2 17.Qe3+ Qxe3 18.Bxe3 Bd6 19.h4 Chapter-Games Game 1]
5.Bf1 g6 6.d3 Bg7 7.Nbd2 Nc6 8.c3 Black is slightly better. **8...Nf6 9.Ng5 a5 10.Ndf3 a4 11.Ne5** -0.71/22
[11.e3∓ -0.39/20 deserves consideration.]
11...Nxe5
[11...d4 is interesting. 12.Ngxf7 Qd5

13.e4 Nxe4 14.Nxh8 Nxe5 15.dxe4 Qxe4+ 16.Qe2 Qxh1 17.fxe5 Bxh8 18.cxd4 Bf5]

12.fxe5 Ng4 13.e6 fxe6 -0.01/25

[13...d4∓ -0.55/22]

14.Bxh3 e5 15.e4 Nf6 0.08/22

[15...Qd7!∓ -0.33/22]

16.Bxc8= Qxc8 17.exd5 Nxd5 0.58/21

[17...Qd7!= 0.06/20]

18.Qf3± Nf6 19.0-0 0-0 20.Qe2 Ra5 21.Bd2 Qg4 22.Qxg4

[22.Rf3 with more complications. Bh6 23.Ne4 Bxd2 24.Nxd2 Qe6 25.d4]

22...Nxg4 23.Rxf8+ Bxf8 24.c4 Prevents Rb5. **24...Ra6 25.Ne4** Against Rd6 **25...Nf6 26.Nf2! e4 27.dxe4 e5** 1.05/24

[Better is 27...Bg7± 0.34/21]

28.Be3± Kf7 29.Kf1 Ke6 30.Ke2 Be7 31.Rc1 Ra8 32.c5 c6 33.Rc4 Nd7 34.h4 Bf8 35.g4 0.79/27

[⌓35.a3 1.47/25]

35...Be7 36.g5 0.08/27

[White should try 36.Nd3± 0.72/24]

36...Rh8= 37.Nd3 Rxh4 38.Rxa4 Rh2+ 39.Kf3 Black should prevent b4.

39...Rh3+ 40.Kf2

[40.Ke2!?]

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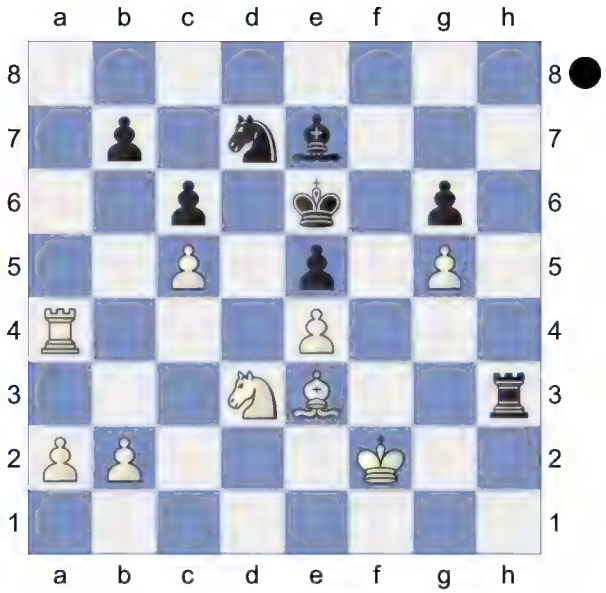
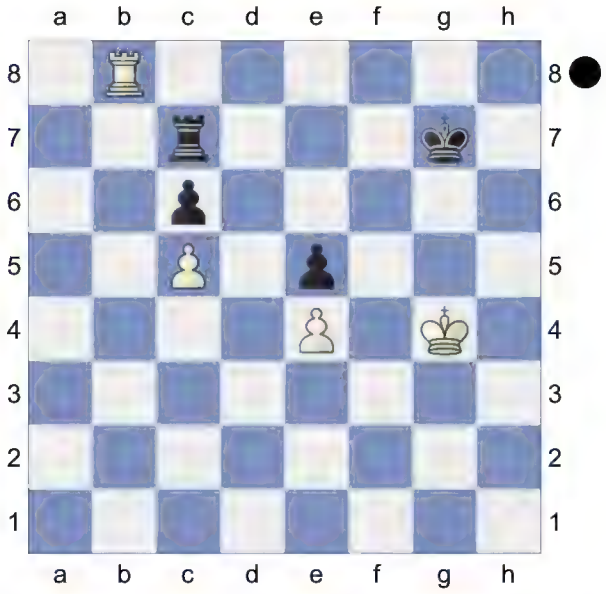


40...Bxg5! 41.Bxg5 Rxd3 Endgame KRB-KRN **42.Be3** Black must now prevent Ke2. **42...Nf6** Strongly threatening ...Ng4+. **43.Ke2 Rd7 44.Rb4 Nh5 45.a4 Rf7** 0.01/23

[⌓45...Nf4+ -0.30/23 46.Kf3 g5]

46.a5 Nf4+ 47.Kd2 Rc7 48.Rb6 Kd7 49.b4 g5 50.Ke1 Ng2+ 51.Kf2 Nxe3 52.Kxe3 KR-KR **52...Kd8 53.a6 bxa6 54.Rb8+** The position is equal. **54...Ke7 55.Kf3 a5! 56.Kg4 axb4 57.Kf5 g4 58.Rxb4 Kf8 59.Rb8+ Kg7 60.Kxg4**



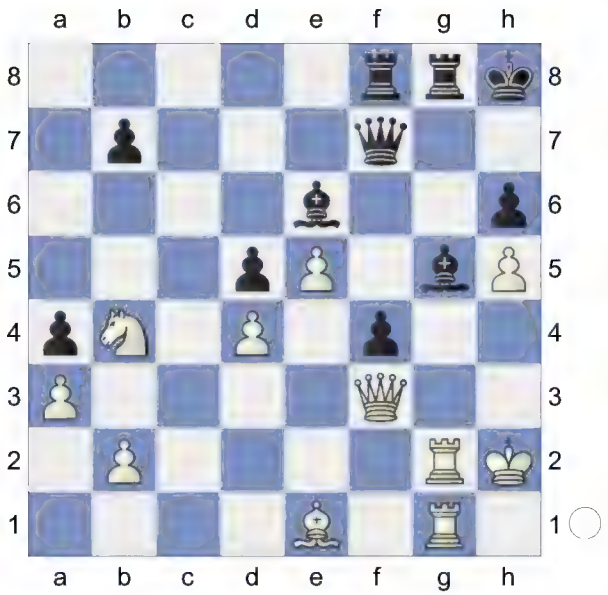
Kf5 is the strong threat. **60...Rf7 61.Rc8**

Rf4+ 62.Kg5 Kf7 63.Rxc6 Ke7 64.Rh6 Rxe4 65.Kf5 Re1 66.Rh7+ Kd8 67.c6
Weighted Error Value: White=0.06 (flawless) /Black=0.10 (very precise)
½-½

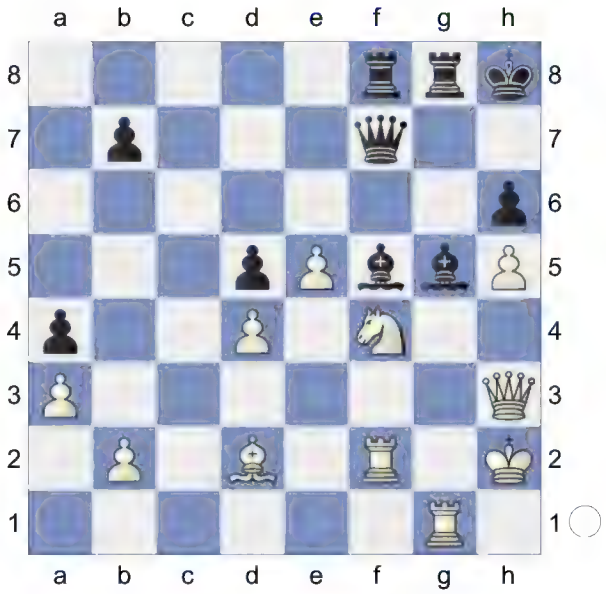
49 **C00**
□ **Carlsen,Magnus** **2835**
■ **Martinez Lopez,D** **2386**
Titled Tue 4th Jul Late blitz (1) 04.07.23
[Kitty Kat]

C00: French: Unusual White 2nd moves
1.f4 e6 2.e4 d5 3.e5 c5 4.Nf3 Nc6 5.c3 Nh6 6.Na3 Be7
[6...Nf5 7.Nc2 d4 8.Bd3 Nh4 9.Be4 Nxg2+ 10.Kf2 Nxf4 11.d3 Ng6 12.cxd4 cxd4 13.Bg5 Be7 14.Bxe7 Qxe7 15.Ncxd4 Ncxe5 16.Nxe5 Nxe5 17.Qh5 Nd7 18.Rhg1 Nf6 19.Qe5 Nxe4+ 20.dxe4 f6 21.Qh5+ 1-0 (40) Yu,Y (2763)-Vitiugov,N (2732) FIDE World Cup 2019 (5.9)]
[6...Qb6 7.Nc2 Bd7 8.d4 cxd4 9.cxd4 Nf5 Beginner Guide French Defen-French Beginner Guide Odds 1... e6 Against Everything 2024]
7.Nc2 Nf5N
[7...f5 8.d4 0-0 9.Be2 Bd7 10.0-0 Rc8 11.Kh1 cxd4 12.cxd4 Nf7 13.Rg1 Kh8 14.g4 fxg4 15.Rxg4 Nh6 16.Rg3 Be8 17.Bd3 Bh5 18.Qg1 Bh4 19.Nxh4 Qxh4 20.Ne1 Nb4 21.Bd2 Nxd3 22.Rxd3 (33) Chapter-Game Chapter 6 Game 6]
8.d4 cxd4 The position is equal. **9.cxd4 Qb6 10.Bd3 Nh4**
[10...Nfxd4? 11.Nfxd4 Nxd4 12.Nxd4+-]
11.Nxh4 Bxh4+ 12.g3 Be7 13.0-0 -0.26/20
[White should play 13.Be3 0.25/19]
13...Bd7 0.20/17
[13...Nb4 -0.26/20 was preferable.]
14.a3 a5 15.Rb1 a4
[15...Nxd4? 16.Be3+-]
16.Be3 0-0 17.Bf2 f5 18.g4 g6 19.Kh1 Kh8 20.Rg1 Rf7 21.gxf5 exf5 22.h4 -0.19/20
[⌓22.Ne1 0.27/18]
22...Rg8 0.36/19
[22...Nd8= -0.19/20]
23.h5 -0.74/19
[23.Ne1!± 0.36/19]
23...g5∓ 24.fxg5 -1.87/22
[24.Qf3∓ -0.71/19 is a better defense.]
24...Bxg5 -0.65/21
[24...Nxe5-+ -1.87/22 25.dxe5 Qxf2]
25.Qf3 Be6 26.Rg2 h6 27.Be3 -1.32/22
[27.Ne1∓ -0.58/20]
27...f4 28.Bf2 Rff8 29.Kh2 Ne7 30.Nb4 Qd8 31.Rbg1 Nf5 32.Bxf5 Rxf5
[32...Bxf5 33.Nxd5 Qe8 *(33...Be6 34.Nc3±* Discovered Attack*)* 34.Nc3= *(34.Nxf4? Be6∓)*]
33.Kh1 -2.00/20
[⌓33.Nd3 -1.64/21]
33...Rff8-+ 34.Be1 Qd7 35.Kh2 -1.95/21
[35.Bd2∓ -1.45/18]
35...Qf7

(Diagram)



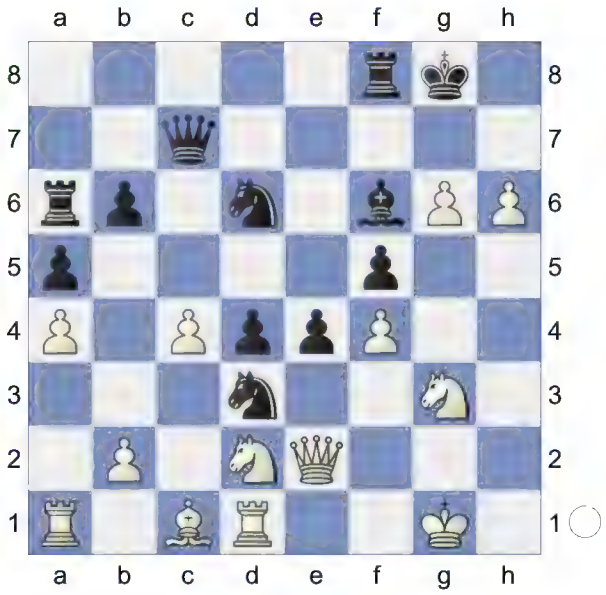
36.Bd2? -3.88/19
[36.Re2 -1.65/19]
36...Rd8? -0.47/21
[36...Bf5-+ -3.88/19 37.Rxg5 hxg5 *(37...Rxg5? 38.Rxg5 hxg5 39.Nxd5-+)* 38.Nxd5 g4 39.Qxf4 g3+ *(39...Qxd5? 40.Bb4-+; 39...Qxh5+? 40.Kg3-+)* 40.Rxg3 Qxh5+ *(40...Qxd5? 41.Rxg8+ Rxg8 42.Qh6+ Bh7 43.Qf6+ Rg7 44.Bg5-+)* 41.Kg1 Rxg3+ *(41...Be4 42.Qf6+ Kh7 43.Qe7+ Kh8 44.Qf6+ Kh7 45.Qe7+ Kh8 46.Qf6+=)* 42.Qxg3 Qd1+ *(42...Rg8? 43.Qxg8+* Decoy *Kxg8 44.Nf6+ Kf7 45.Nxh5+-)* 43.Be1 Rg8 *(43...Qxd4+? 44.Kh2-+)* 44.Qxg8+ Kxg8]
37.Rf2? -2.57/21
[37.Nd3∓ -0.47/21]
37...Rdf8? -0.01/22
[Black should try 37...Bh4-+ -2.57/21 38.Rfg2 Rxg2+ 39.Rxg2 Bg3+ 40.Rxg3 fxg3+ 41.Kxg3 Rg8+ 42.Kf2 Qe7 43.Qf6+ Qxf6+ 44.exf6 Rf8]
38.Nd3 -1.53/22
[White must play 38.Rfg2!= -0.01/22]
38...Bf5? -0.01/21
[38...Qe8∓ -1.53/22 and ...Bg5-h4 should not be overlooked 39.Re2 *(39.Bxf4? too greedy. Rxf4 40.Nxf4 Bxf4+ 41.Kh1 Rf8-+)* 39...Bf5 *(39...Qf7 40.Bb4∓)*]
39.Nxf4= Be4 40.Qh3 -0.51/21
[40.Qe2!± 0.31/22 Bxf4+ 41.Rxf4 Rxg1 42.Kxg1 *(42.Rxf7? Rh1+ 43.Kg3 Rxf7-+)* 42...Rg8+ 43.Kf1]
40...Bf5? 4.51/29
[40...Qe8!∓ -0.51/21 stays ahead.]



41.Ng6+!+- Qxg6 42.hxg6 Bxh3
This pair of bishops is nice. **43.Rxf8**
White is clearly winning. **43...Rxf8**
44.Kxh3 Rf3+ 8.91/23
[⌓44...Kg7 5.15/23]
45.Kg4
Weighted Error Value: White=0.38/ Black=0.69
1-0

50 **A03**
□ **Perea Fruet,Lorenzo** **2362**
■ **Le,Quang Liem** **2739**
Titled Tuesday intern op 04th Feb Late b..
[Kitty Kat]

A03: Bird's Opening with 1...d5
1.f4 d5 2.Nf3 g6 3.g3 Bg7 4.Bg2 c6 5.d3 Qb6 6.c3
[6.Nc3 Nh6 7.e4 *(7.Na4 Qa5+ 8.c3 Nd7 9.b4 Qc7 10.Bd2 Nf6 11.0-0 Nf5 12.Qe1 Nd6 13.Ne5 0-0 14.e4 a5 15.Nc5 b6 16.Nb3 axb4 17.cxb4 Ba6 18.Rc1 dxe4 19.Rxc6 Qb7 20.Be3 Bxd3 21.Rxd6 exd6* Mokrys,C (1690)-Giraldo Guevara,J (1732) Luis Paucar Perez Memorial 199 2023 The Week in Chess 509 [John Watson] 1-0 (47)) 7...dxe4 8.dxe4 Nd7 9.Qe2 e5 10.f5 gxf5 11.Nd2 0-0 12.Nc4 Qc7 13.0-0 Nb6 14.Bxh6 Bxh6 15.exf5 f6 16.Kh1 Nxc4 17.Qxc4+ Qf7 18.Qe2 Bd7 19.Ne4 Qe7 20.Qc4+ Kh8 Gracia,G (2416)-Zuravlevs,N (2401) Szirak 2000 CBM 061 [Dressel] 1-0 (46)]
6...Nf6 Prevents e4. **7.Qb3N**
[7.e3 Nbd7 8.0-0 0-0 9.Kh1 Qc7 10.d4 Ne4 11.Nbd2 Ndf6 12.Nxe4 Nxe4 13.Nd2 Bf5 14.g4 Nxd2 15.Bxd2 Bd3 16.Rf2 A 03/01]
7...0-0!? An interesting side line. Eine interessante Nebenvariante.
8.Nbd2 Black is slightly better. **8...Nbd7 9.d4N**
[9.Qxb6 axb6 10.h3 b5 11.Nb3 Re8 12.Be3 e5 13.fxe5 Nxe5 14.Nxe5 Rxe5 *(14...Nh5!? 15.d4 f6=)* 15.Bd4 ½-½ Tsoi,D (2356)-Kokarev,D (2631) RUS-chT2 Sochi 2021 (1.2)]
9...Ng4 10.Nf1 f6 11.h3 Nh6 12.g4 Nf7 13.e3 -0.47/19
[13.f5= -0.16/18 is more appropriate.]
13...e5∓ 14.Ng3 Nd6 15.0-0 e4 16.Nd2 f5 17.g5 Qc7 18.h4 a5 19.a4 b6 20.Rd1 Ba6 21.Bf1 h5 22.gxh6 -1.23/21
[22.Bxa6∓ -0.67/20 Rxa6 23.Qa2]
22...Bf6 23.Bxa6 Rxa6 24.c4 c5 -0.89/19
[Better is 24...Bxh4 -1.33/22 25.cxd5 cxd5 26.Qxd5+ Kh7]
25.h5 cxd4 -0.27/20
[25...gxh5∓ -1.13/18 White must now prevent ...Kh7. 26.Nxh5 cxd4 27.exd4 Bxd4+ 28.Kg2 Nc5]
26.hxg6= Nc5 0.13/20
[26...dxc4 -0.22/19 deserves consideration. 27.Qa3 Bh4 28.h7+ *(28.exd4? Rf6∓)* 28...Kh8]
27.Qa3 dxe3 28.Qxe3 d4 29.Qe2 -0.53/17
[White should try 29.Qf2= -0.01/19]
29...Nd3? 1.50/19
[29...d3!∓ -0.53/17 30.Qh5 Ne6]



30.Ndf1 0.15/21
[30.Nf3!± 1.50/19]
30...Qxc4 1.01/20

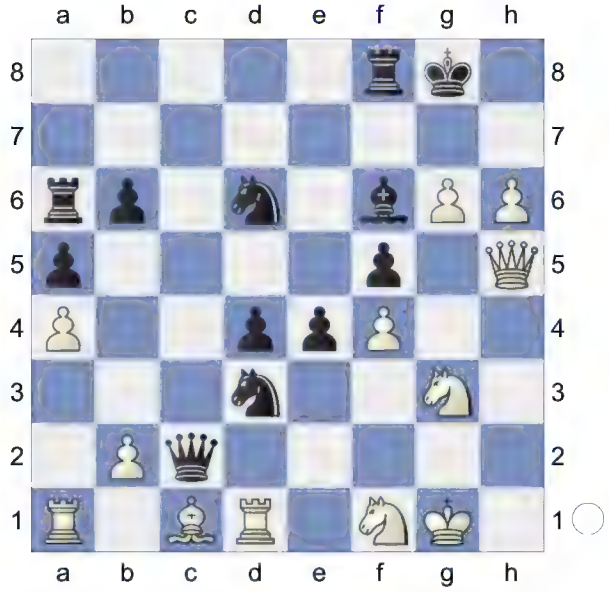
[30...Nxc1= 0.15/21 keeps the balance. 31.Raxc1 d3]

31.Qh5 0.65/19

[31.b3± 1.01/20 Qxb3 32.Ba3]

31...Ra7!±

[31...Qc2?



32.Rxd3! exd3 33.g7 Bxg7 34.hxg7 Kxg7 35.Qg5+ Kf7 36.Qh6+- *(36.Nxf5 Nxf5 37.Qxf5+ Kg8+-)*]

32.Bd2 -0.81/18

[32.Nxf5± 0.44/20 stays ahead. Nxf5 33.Qxf5 *(33.h7+ Kh8∓)*]

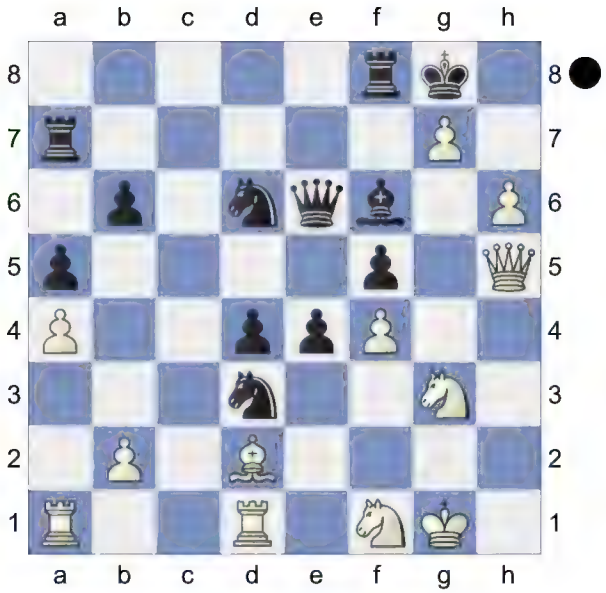
32...Qe6 -0.45/18 &Nero is much more active.

[Black should play 32...e3∓ -0.81/18 33.Qf3 Nxb2]

33.g7? -2.64/19

[33.Bc1∓ -0.45/18]

(Diagram)



33...Bxg7!-+ 34.hxg7 Rxg7 Chess con chili. **35.Qh2 Nxb2?** -0.08/20

[35...Rf6-+ -3.09/20 And now ...Rfg6 would win. 36.Bc1 Rfg6]

36.Rdb1? -3.72/21

[36.Be3!= -0.08/20 and White is okay. Nxd1 37.Bxd4]

36...Nbc4 37.Be1 e3 38.Ra2 d3 aiming for ...e2.

[Wrong is 38...Qe4? 39.Rd1 Qxf4 40.Rg2-+]

39.Rg2 Qd5? -1.17/20

[39...d2-+ -3.64/20 40.Nh5 Rg4 41.Rxg4+ fxg4]

40.Nh5? -6.36/25

[40.Bc3∓ -1.17/20 Rg4 41.Re1 *(41.Qh8+? Kf7-+)*]

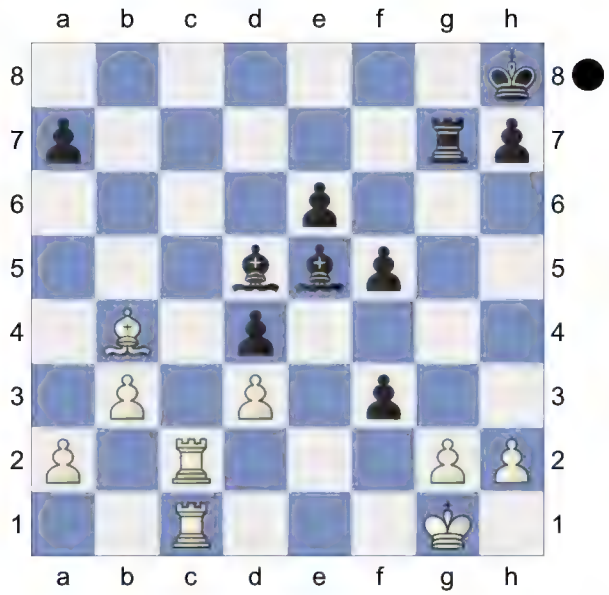
40...Rxg2+ 41.Qxg2+ Qxg2+ 42.Kxg2 d2 Black is clearly winning. **43.Bxd2 exd2 44.Nhg3 Rd8 45.Rd1 Kf7 46.Nxd2 Ne3+ 47.Kf3 Nxd1**

Weighted Error Value: White=0.76/ Black=0.48

0-1

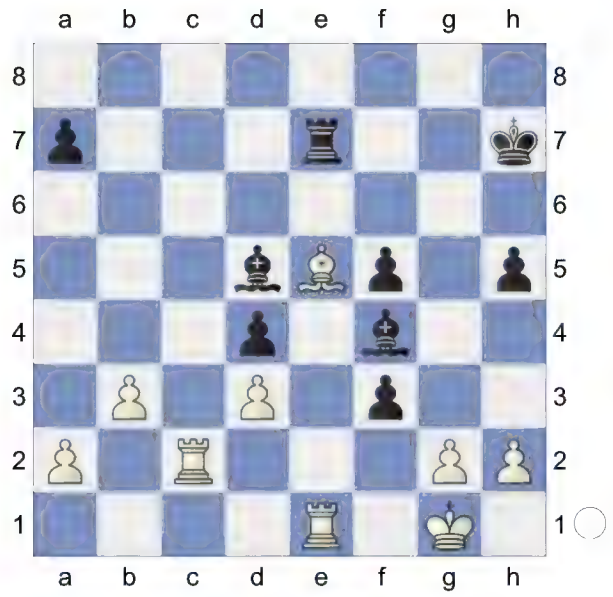
51 **B06**
□ **Nakamura,Hikaru** **2802**
■ **Grischuk,A** **2781**
3rd Norway Blitz 2015 (2.3) 15.06.2015
[Kitty Kat]

B06: Modern Defence
1.f4 g6 2.e4 d5 3.e5 c5 4.c3 d4 5.Bd3 Nh6 6.Be4 Bg7 7.d3 0-0 8.Nf3 The position is equal. **8...Kh8 9.Qb3! Nc6** 0.08/20
[9...Na6∓ -0.47/20]
10.Bxc6= bxc6 11.cxd4 cxd4 12.0-0 c5 13.Nbd2 Be6 14.Qc2N
[14.Qa3 Qc7 15.Nb3 Rfc8 16.Bd2 18 7...Be7 9.Bf4-N,N URS-ch Soviet Union 1983]
14...Rc8 15.b3 Bd5 16.Ne4 f5 17.Neg5 -0.73/19
[17.Nxc5? Qa5 18.Nxd4 *(18.b4? Qxb4 19.Qa4 Qxc5-+)* 18...Rxc5-+]
[17.Ned2!= -0.23/18 remains equal.]
17...Nf7 18.Nxf7+ Rxf7 19.Ba3 e6
[19...Qa5!? 20.Qb2 e6∓]
20.Rac1 -1.08/20
[White should try 20.Bxc5∓ -0.38/19 Rb7 21.Rfc1 *(21.Nxd4? Bf8-+)*]
20...Rfc7∓ 21.Nd2 -1.93/19
[21.Qf2∓ -0.96/17]
21...g5-+ 22.Nc4 -2.47/21
[22.Nf3 -1.75/19 might work better.]
22...gxf4 23.Nd6 -3.44/20
[⌓23.Qe2 -2.12/18]
23...Bxe5 24.Nxc8 Qxc8? -1.12/21
[24...Rg7!-+ -3.07/20 and Black stays clearly on top. 25.Rf2 *(25.Qxc5 Rxg2+ 26.Kh1 Rg8+)* 25...Qxc8]
25.Bxc5∓ Rg7 26.Rf2 f3 27.Bb4 Qxc2 -0.70/21
[27...Rxg2+? 28.Rxg2 Qxc2 29.Rgxc2+-]
[27...Qg8∓ -1.27/21 28.Qc8 fxg2 29.Qxg8+ Kxg8]
28.Rfxc2∓



Black must now prevent Rc2-c8+.
28...h5! Black has more active pieces.
[28...Rxg2+ 29.Rxg2 fxg2 30.Rc5=]
29.Re1 Bf4 aiming for ...Bf4-e3+.
[29...Rxg2+? 30.Rxg2 Bf4 31.Bd2+-]
30.Bc5 -1.85/22
[30.Rc8+? Kh7 31.g3 h4-+]
[30.Bf8∓ -1.00/19 Rg4 *(30...Rxg2+ 31.Rxg2 fxg2 32.Bc5∓)* 31.Bc5]
30...e5↑ Black is on the roll.
[30...Rxg2+ 31.Rxg2 fxg2 32.Bxd4+ Kh7 33.Bxa7±]
[30...fxg2? 31.Bxd4 h4 32.Rxg2 *(32.Bxg7+ Kxg7 33.Rxg2+ Kf7+-)* 32...Bxg2 33.Bxg7+ Kxg7 34.Kxg2+-]
31.Bd6 -2.65/24
[31.Rf2∓ -1.50/20]
31...Kh7? 0.47/23
[31...fxg2? 32.Bxe5 Bxe5 33.Rxe5+-]
[31...Be3+-+ -2.65/24 32.Rxe3 dxe3]
32.Bxe5± Re7!

(Diagram)



33.Kf2? -4.59/22 **Be3+-+** This pair of bishops is nice.
[33...Rxe5? 34.Rxe5 Bxe5 35.Rc5+- *(35.gxf3 Bxh2 36.Rc5 Be6∓)*]
[33...Bxe5 34.gxf3 *(34.Rc5 fxg2 35.Rxd5 Bg3+ 36.Kxg3 Rxe1=)* 34...Kg6 35.Rc5±]
34.Kg3 -7.03/23
[⌓34.Rxe3 -4.45/22 dxe3+ 35.Kxe3 fxg2 *(35...Rxe5+? 36.Kf4-+)* 36.Rxg2 Bxg2 37.Kf4]
34...Rxe5 35.gxf3 f4+ 36.Kh3 Be6+ 37.Kg2 Rg5+ 38.Kh1 Bd5 39.h4 Bxf3+ 40.Kh2 Rg4 41.Kh3 Rg3+ 42.Kh2 Kg6 (-> ...Kg6-f5) **43.Rc5 Rg2+ 44.Kh3 Rg3+?** -0.01/5
[44...Rxa2 -#8/20 mates 45.Rg5+ Kf6 46.Rxe3 dxe3 47.Rg8 e2 *(47...Bg4+ 48.Rxg4 hxg4+ 49.Kxg4 e2 50.Kf3 e1Q 51.Kxf4 Rf2+ 52.Kg3 Qg1+ 53.Kh3 Rh2#)* 48.Rf8+ Kg7 49.Rxf4 e1Q *(49...e1R? 50.Rxf3 Rd2 51.Kg3-+; 49...Bg4+ 50.Rxg4+ hxg4+ 51.Kxg4 e1Q 52.h5 Rg2+ 53.Kf5 Rf2+ 54.Kg4 Qg1+ 55.Kh4 Rh2#)* 50.Ra4 Rxa4 51.bxa4 Qf2 52.a5 Bg4#]
45.Kh2= Rg4 46.Kh3 Bg2+ -7.78/5
[⌓46...Bf2 -#9/20 47.Rg5+ Kf6 *(47...Rxg5 48.Re6+ Kf5 49.hxg5-+)* 48.Rxh5 Bxe1 *(48...Rg3+? 49.Kh2-+)* 49.Rh6+ Kg7 50.Rh5 Rg3+ Discovered Attack 51.Kh2 Bxh5 52.a3 Bf2 *(52...Rxd3 53.Kg1 f3 54.Kh2 Rd2+ 55.Kh3 Rg2 56.b4 Bg4#)* 53.b4 Bg1+ 54.Kh1 Bf3#]
47.Kh2-+ f3
[47...Rxh4+ 48.Kxg2 Rg4+ 49.Kf3=]
48.Rc6+ Kf5 49.Rc5+ Ke6 -30.26/17
[⌓49...Kf4 -#8/18 50.Rxh5 f2 51.Rh8 fxe1Q *(51...fxe1R* is a self mate. *52.Rf8+ Ke5 53.Re8+ Kd6 54.Rd8+ Ke7 55.Rh8 Rh1#)* 52.Rf8+ Ke5 53.Re8+ Kf6 54.Rf8+ Kg7 55.Rf7+ Kxf7 56.h5 Qh4#]
50.Rxh5 f2 51.Rc1 Bxc1
Weighted Error Value: White=0.83/ Black=0.56
0-1

52 **A03**
□ **Maghsoodloo,Parham** **2656**
■ **Aleksandrov,A** **2571**
26. Masters Abudhabi UAE (8.5) 9.8.19
[Kitty Kat]

A03: Bird's Opening with 1...d5
1.f4 d5 2.Nf3 g6 3.g3 Bg7 4.Bg2 Nf6 5.0-0 0-0 6.d3 c5 7.c3
[7.Ne5 b6 8.e4 Bb7 9.Nc3 e6 10.Qe2 Nc6 11.Nxc6 Bxc6 12.e5 Nd7 13.Bd2 b5 14.Nd1 Qb6 15.Nf2 a5 16.g4 a4 17.g5 b4 18.Kh1 b3 19.cxb3 axb3 20.a3 Rfc8 21.Ng4 Bb5 0-1 (36) Mecelica,E (2440)-Chigogidze,K (2577) Merida 2000 (8)]
7...d4 -0.04/17
[7...Nc6∓ -0.41/18]
8.e4=

[8.Qe1 Nc6 9.Na3 Nd5 10.Bd2 b6 11.Nc2 Bb7 12.c4 Nc7 13.b4 Nxb4 14.Nxb4 cxb4 15.Bxb4 b5 16.cxb5 Nxb5 17.Qf2 a5 18.Bd2 Nc3 19.Ne5 Rb8 20.Bxb7 Rxb7 21.Nc4 a4 22.Qf3 Rb5 ½-½ (41) Roscher,J (2501)-Vrublevskaya,O (2667) C2) 5.♕c2 236701]

8...dxe3 9.Bxe3 Qc7N The position is equal.

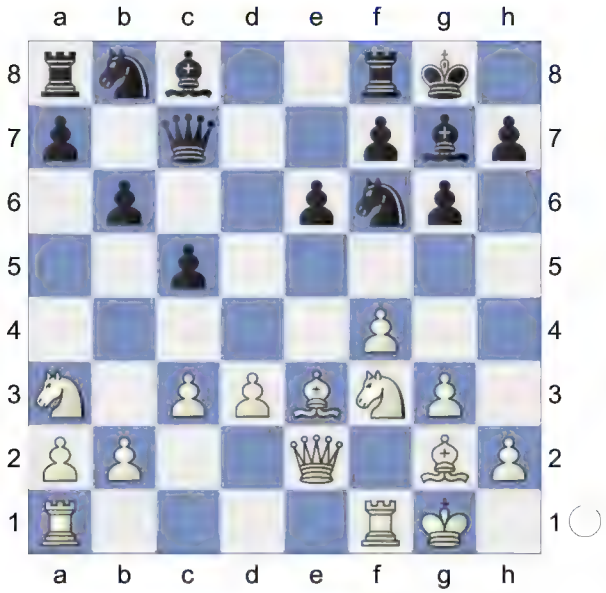
[9...Bf5 10.Bxc5 Bxd3 11.Re1 Nc6 12.Nd4 Bxb1 13.Bxc6 bxc6 14.Bxe7 Chapter-Game Chapter 1 Game 7]

10.Na3 e6 0.41/18

[10...Ng4= 0.02/17 11.Bd2 Bd7]

11.Qe2 b6 1.13/20

[11...Bd7= 0.29/17]



12.f5!± exf5 13.Bf4 Qd8 14.Ne1 0.57/19 White is more active.

[14.Ne5± 1.12/19]

14...Nd5!± ...Nb8-c6 would now be deadly. **15.c4! Bb7** 1.23/20 **16.cxd5 Bxd5 17.Nb5** Strongly threatening Nb5-c7. **17...Nc6 18.Nf3 Qd7 19.Qd2 Rad8 20.Nc3 Bxf3 21.Rxf3 Ne5 22.Bxe5 Bxe5 23.Kh1 Bg7 24.Rd1 a6 25.Rff1 h5 26.Qc2** 0.94/19

[⌓26.Nd5 1.37/19]

26...Rfe8 27.Nd5 Re6 28.Nf4 0.71/20

[⌓28.Rde1 1.24/19]

28...Rd6± 29.Rde1 Bh6 30.Qc4 a5 31.b3 0.28/20

[31.Qa6± 0.65/19 might be stronger.]

31...Rd4 32.Qa6 Qd6 33.Qb7 h4 34.Ne2 Rxd3 35.gxh4 Bd2 36.Rd1 Kg7 1.10/20

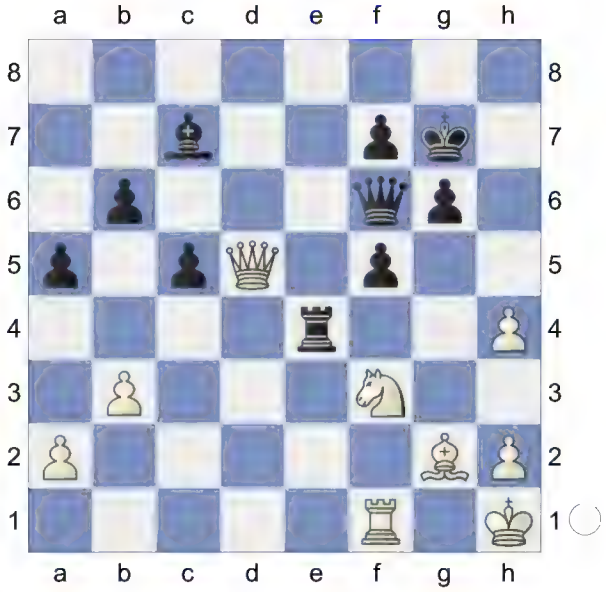
[36...Rd7!± 0.55/19 37.Qa8+ Rd8]

37.Ng1 Qf6 38.Nf3 Bf4 39.Rxd3 Rxd3 40.Qa6 Re3 41.Qc4 Bc7 42.Qd5 0.67/21

[42.h5± 1.11/19]

42...Re4 1.41/19

[42...Qd6± 0.67/21 43.Qxd6 Bxd6]



43.h5! g5? 3.17/20

[43...Re3± 1.40/19 is a better defense. 44.hxg6 fxg6]

[43...a4 44.hxg6]

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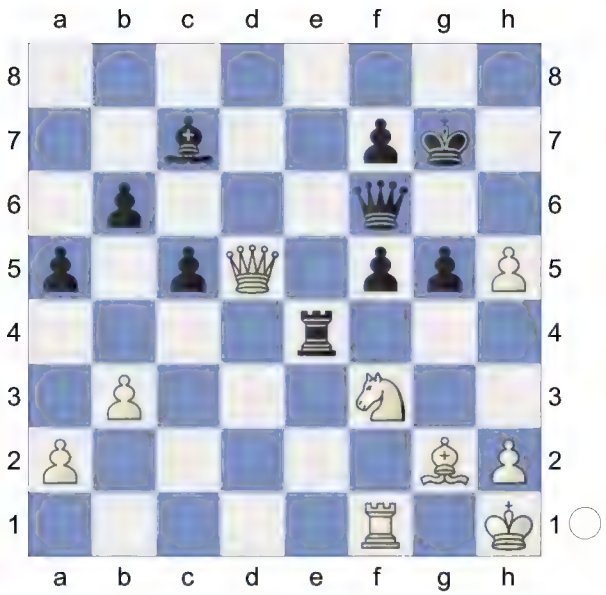
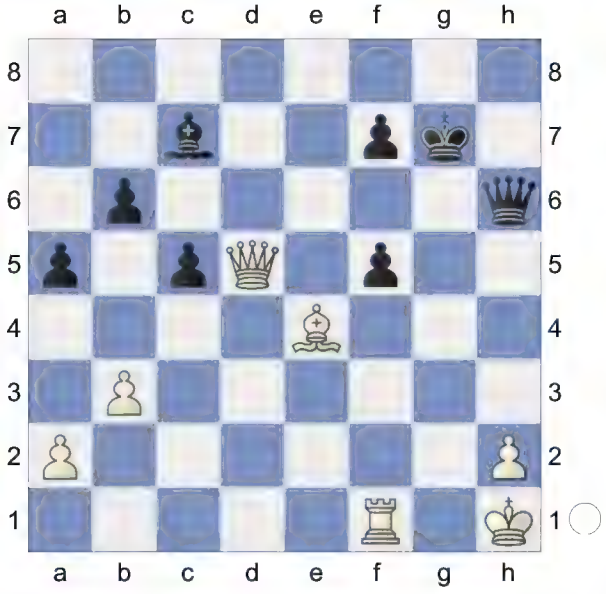
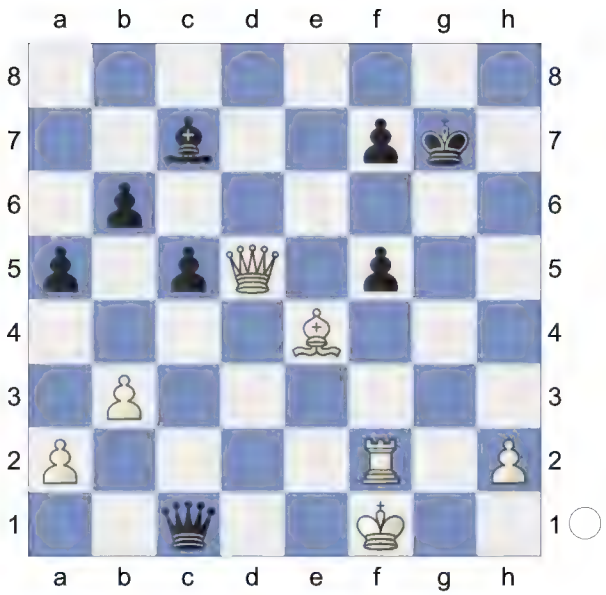


Loses the game. **44.Nxg5!+- Qxg5**
[44...Rf4 45.Nh3]
45.Bxe4 Pin **45...Qh4 46.h6+** 1.81/24
[46.Bxf5? Qxh2#]
[⌓46.Qd2 3.10/22 Qxe4+ 47.Qg2+ Qxg2+ 48.Kxg2]
46...Qxh6? 4.44/24
[46...Kf8 1.81/24 47.Kg2 *(47.Qxf5? Qxh2#; 47.Qa8+ Ke7=)* 47...Qxh2+ 48.Kf3 fxe4+ 49.Qxe4 Qxh6]



47.Rf2! White is clearly winning.
47...Qc1+ 48.Kg2 Qg5+ 49.Kf1 Qc1+



50.Ke2! Qb2+ 51.Kf3 fxe4+ 9.39/23
[⌓51...Qe5 4.40/20 52.Qxe5+ Bxe5 53.Bxf5 Bd4]
52.Kg2
[52.Qxe4 Qf6+ 53.Ke2 Qb2+ 54.Kf1 Qc1+ 55.Qe1 Qxe1+ 56.Kxe1 b5 57.Rg2+ Kh6+-]
52...Qe5 53.Qxf7+
Weighted Error Value: White=0.15 (very precise) /Black=0.63
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53 **A03**
□ **Lunacek,J** **2656**
■ **The Italian Game** **2571**
Black Weapons in the Open Games (8)
[Kitty Kat]

A03: Bird's Opening with 1...d5
1.f4 d5 2.Nf3 g6 3.g3 Bg7 4.Bg2 Nf6 5.0-0 0-0 6.d3 c5 7.c3 d4
[7...Nc6 8.Na3 Rb8 *(8...Re8 9.Nh4 h6 10.e4 e5 11.exd5 Nxd5 12.f5 g5 13.Nf3 Nce7 14.Qb3 Rb8 15.Bd2 b5 16.Rae1 Bxf5 17.Nxe5 Be6 18.Qd1 Qd6 19.Ng4 f5 20.Ne3 Nc7 21.d4 cxd4 22.cxd4 f4 23.gxf4*

Arnold,G (2247)-Lundberg,C (2131) ICCF 2015 Kommentierte Partien2024 [Bojkov, Dejan] 0-1 (63)) 9.Nc2 d4 10.c4 Ne8 11.Rb1 a5 12.b3 Nd6 13.e4 dxe3 14.Bxe3 b6 15.Nh4 Qc7 16.d4 Rd8 17.d5 Nf5 18.Nxf5 Bxf5 19.g4 Bxc2 20.Qxc2 Nd4 21.Bxd4 Bxd4+ 22.Kh1 Potpara,N (2390)-Ortiz, I (2540) Swidnica 1973 TD 94/02 [Tait, CC127] 0-1 (40)]

8.e4 dxe3 9.Bxe3 Qc7N The position is equal.

[9...Bf5 10.Bxc5 Bxd3 11.Re1 Nc6 12.Nd4 Bxb1 13.Bxc6 bxc6 14.Bxe7 Chapter-Game Game 7]

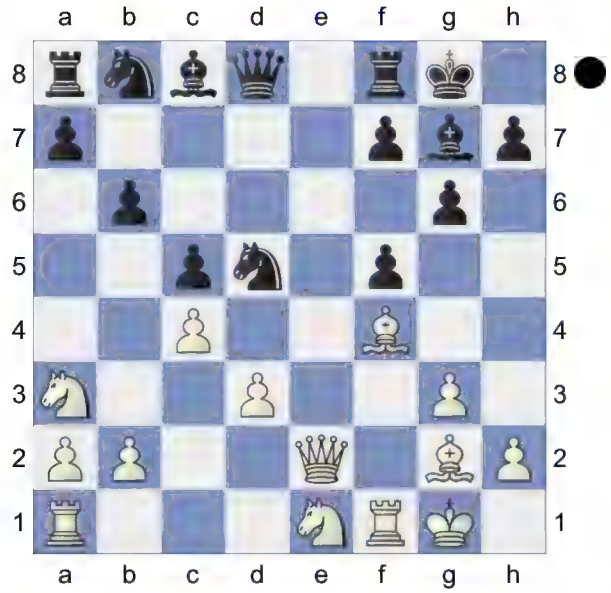
10.Na3 e6 0.16/17

[⌓10...Ng4 -0.18/16 11.Qe2 Rd8]

11.Qe2= b6 12.f5 exf5 13.Bf4 Qd8 14.Ne1 0.01/21

[14.Ne5± 0.54/20 Nd5 15.c4]

14...Nd5! 15.c4!



Bb7 0.56/22 **16.cxd5± Bxd5 17.Nb5 Nc6 18.Nf3! Qd7 19.Qd2 Rad8 20.Nc3 Bxf3 21.Rxf3 Ne5 22.Bxe5 Bxe5 23.Kh1 Bg7 24.Rd1 a6 25.Rff1 h5** 1.09/20

[25...Qd4± 0.65/20 deserves consideration.]

26.Qc2 Rfe8 27.Nd5 Re6 28.Nf4 0.33/20

[28.Rde1± 0.97/19]

28...Rd6 29.Rde1 Bh6 30.Qc4 a5 31.b3 Rd4 32.Qa6 Qd6 0.57/22

[32...Rb8= 0.11/21 is superior.]

33.Qb7 0.07/23

[White should try 33.Nxh5!± 0.57/22 gxh5 *(33...Rxd3 34.Nf4)* 34.Rxf5]

33...h4= 34.Ne2 Rxd3 0.62/20

[34...Rb4= 0.04/19]

35.gxh4± Bd2 36.Rd1 Kg7 0.92/21

[36...Rd7!± 0.51/20 feels stronger. 37.Qc6 Kg7]

37.Ng1 Qf6 38.Nf3! Bf4 39.Rxd3 Rxd3 40.Qa6

[40.Ng5?! Bxg5 41.hxg5 Qd8=]

40...Re3 41.Qc4! Bc7 1.21/20

[⌓41...Bb8 0.90/20]

42.Qd5 0.53/20

[42.h5!± 1.21/20]

42...Re4 1.40/21

[Better is 42...Re2± 0.53/20]

43.h5± g5 2.35/21

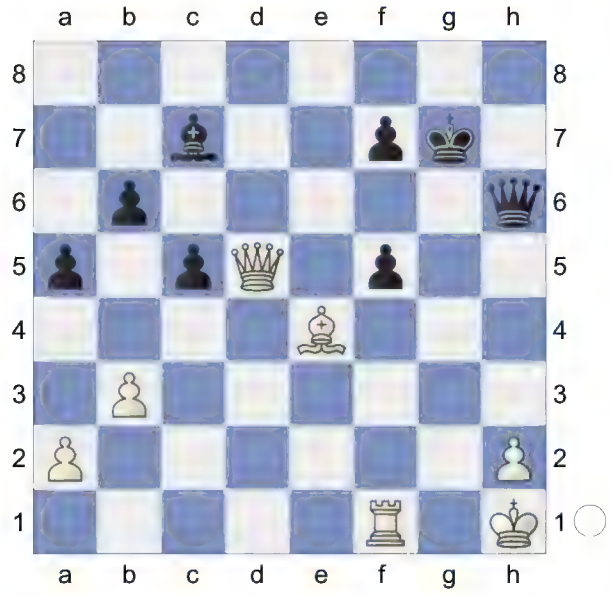
[43...Kh6± 1.33/20 was worth a try.]

44.Nxg5 1.02/20 **Qxg5 45.Bxe4** Pin **45...Qh4! 46.h6+!**

[46.Rg1+ Kf8 47.Qd2 *(47.Qa8+ Ke7∓)* 47...Qxe4+ 48.Qg2 Qe6 49.Qa8+ *(49.h6 Qxh6 50.Qa8+ Ke7±)* 49...Ke7±]

46...Qxh6? 7.12/21

[46...Kf8± 1.19/24 47.Qd2 *(47.Qa8+ Ke7=)* 47...fxe4]



This move loses the game for Black. **47.Rf2!+-** White is clearly winning. **47...Qc1+ 48.Kg2 Qg5+ 49.Kf1** Threatens to win with Rg2. **49...Qc1+ 50.Ke2 Qb2+ 51.Kf3 fxe4+ 52.Kg2 Qe5 53.Qxf7+**

Weighted Error Value: White=0.11 (very precise) /Black=0.18 (very precise)

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54 **A03**

□ **Nepomniachtchi,Ian** **2714**

■ **Karjakin,Sergey** **2770**

67th ch-RUS 2014 (2.2) 29.11.2014

[Kitty Kat]

A03: Bird's Opening with 1...d5

Lukacs,Peter, MH: 'A03: Bird's Opening with 1...d5' **1.f4 d5 2.Nf3 g6 3.g3 Bg7 4.Bg2 c6 5.Nc3**

[5.0-0 Bg4 6.Ne5 h5 7.h3 Be6 8.d3 Nh6 9.Qe1 Nd7 10.Nf3 Qb6+ 11.Kh1 d4 12.Nbd2 Nf5 13.Ne4 Bd5 14.c4 dxc3 15.bxc3 Nc5 16.Nh4 Nxh4 17.gxh4 Nxe4 18.dxe4 Bc4 19.Ba3 Qa5 1-0 (51) Aronian,L (2752)-Topalov,V (2801) Amber Blindfold rapid 2006 (2)]

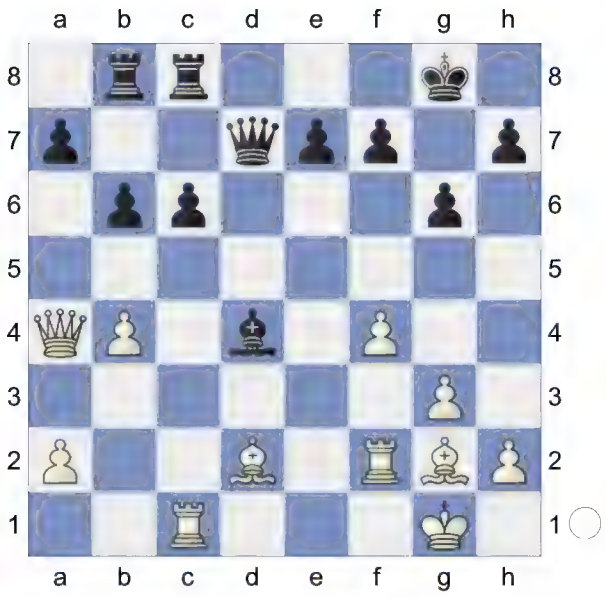
5...Nh6N

[5...d4 6.Ne4 Nf6 7.Nf2 c5 8.0-0 Nc6 9.e4 dxe3 10.dxe3 Qxd1 11.Rxd1 0-0 12.c3 e5 13.Ng5 c4 14.h3 Re8 15.Bd2 h6 16.Nf3 Be6 17.e4 Nd7 18.Be3 Bf8 19.Nh4 exf4 20.gxf4 0-1 (57) Malaniuk,V (2600)-Gelfand,B (2675) Presidents Cup 1998 (1.1)]

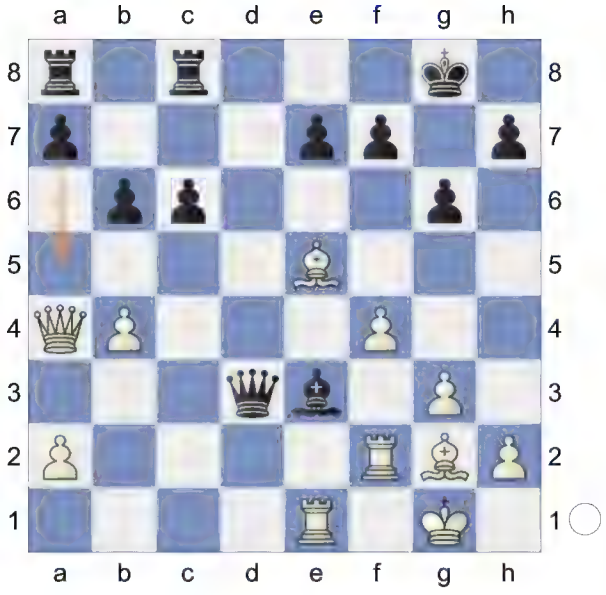
[5...Qb6 6.d4 *(6.d3 Nh6 7.e4 dxe4 8.dxe4 Na6 9.Qe2 Bd7 10.a3 0-0-0 11.e5 Bg4 12.Qe3 c5 13.0-0 f6 14.Qe4 Kb8 15.Kh1 Nf5 16.b4 cxb4 17.axb4 Qxb4 18.Qe1 Qc4 19.Rb1 Nb4 20.Nb5 Nd5* ½-½ (48) Dubois,L (2457)-Artemiev,V (2424) 13/718 Cienfuegos 1972 (1)) 6...Nd7 7.0-0 Nh6 8.e3 0-0 9.b3 Nf5 10.a4 Nf6 11.Ne5 h5 12.a5 Qc7 13.Re1 Nd6 14.Ba3 Bf5 15.h3 Qc8 16.Kh2 Re8 17.Na4 Nfe4 18.Qe2 f6 19.Nd3 Nf7 20.Nac5 ½-½ (90) Stremavicius,T (2202)-Labeckas,K (2354) ch-LTU 2013 Vilnius LTU (3.4)]

6.d3 d4 7.Ne4 Nd7 8.c3 The position is equal. **8...Nf5 9.cxd4 Nxd4 10.Nxd4 Bxd4 11.e3 Bg7 12.d4 0-0 13.0-0 Nb6 14.Nc5 Nd5 15.Qa4 Nc7 16.Rf2 Ne6 17.Nd3 Bd7 18.Qa3 Nc7 19.Nc5 Nb5 20.Qa4 Rb8 21.Bd2 b6 22.Nxd7 Qxd7 23.Rc1 Rfc8 24.b4** White is more active. **24...Nxd4** 1.31/21 **25.exd4± Bxd4**

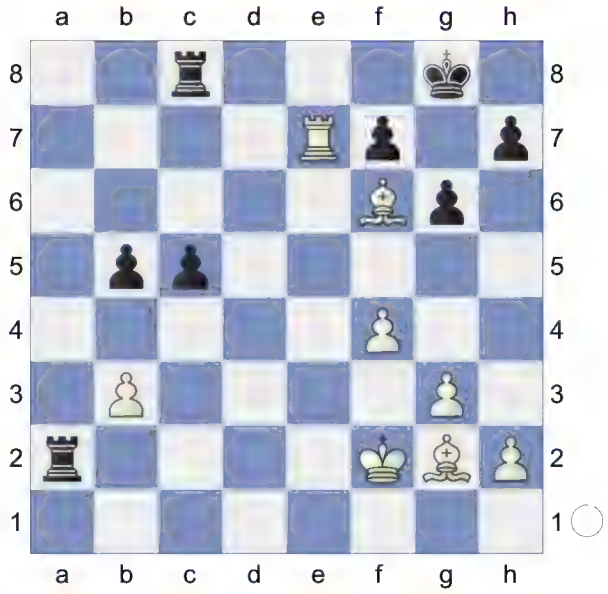
(Diagram)



Pin **26.Bc3! Be3** Pin
[26...Bxf2+ 27.Kxf2]
27.Re1 Qd3 1.91/22
[27...Bxf2+± 1.33/21 28.Kxf2 b5]
28.Be5 Ra8



29.Qb3! Bxf2+
[29...Qxb3 30.axb3]
30.Kxf2 Qxb3 31.axb3 b5 2.33/23
[⌓31...f6 1.62/21]
32.Bd4 White has strong compensation.
32...a5 33.bxa5 1.19/19
[33.Rxe7+- 1.98/23 and b4xa5 should not be overlooked a4 34.bxa4 Rxa4 35.Bxc6 Back Rank]
33...Rxa5 34.Rxe7 c5 2.29/24
[34...Ra2+ 1.61/21 35.Kg1 Rd2]
35.Bf6+- A strong pair of Bishops.
35...Ra2+



36.Kf3? 0.73/21
[36.Kg1!+- 2.26/22 and White stays clearly on top.]
36...c4 2.19/23 This move loses the game for Black.
[36...Ra6± 0.73/21 was necessary. 37.Be5 Rd8]
37.Bh3 White is clearly better. **37...Rf8 38.bxc4 bxc4 39.Rc7 Rxh2 40.Bf1**
Weighted Error Value: White=0.12 (very precise) /Black=0.21 (precise)
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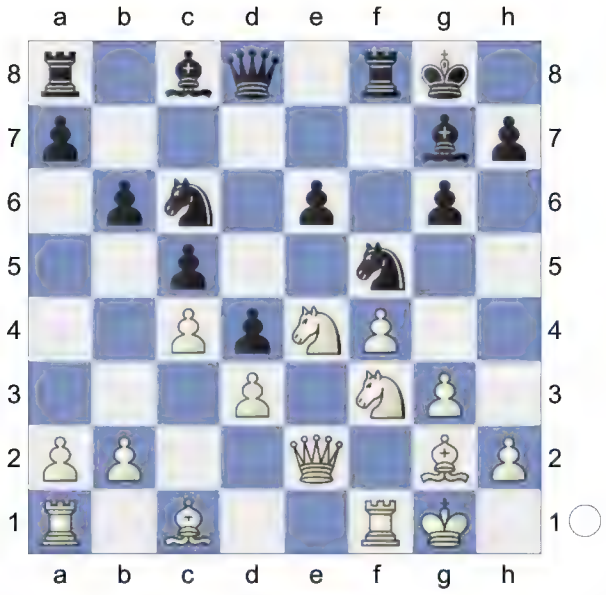
55 **B20**
□ **Nakamura,Hikaru** **2775**
■ **Kryvoruchko,Yuriy** **2707**
FIDE World Rapid 2014 (13.11) 18.06.14
[Kitty Kat]

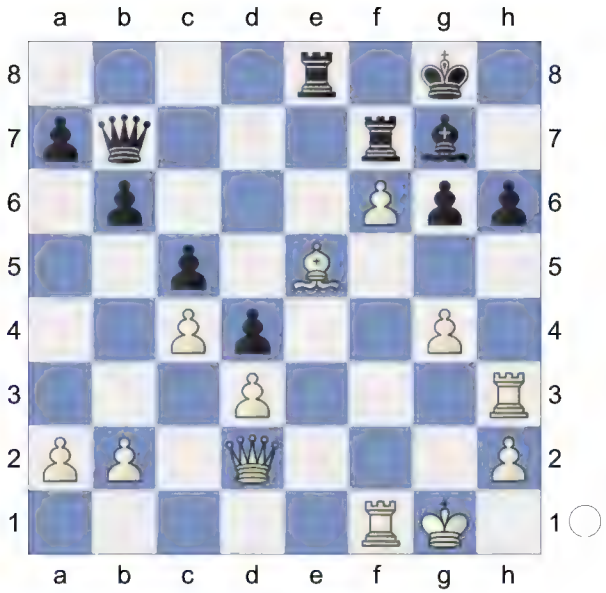
B20: Sicilian: Unusual White 2nd moves
GM MIhail Marin, MH: 'B20: Sicilian: Unusual White 2nd moves' **1.f4 c5 2.g3**

Nc6 3.Bg2 g6 4.d3 Bg7 5.Nf3 e6 6.0-0 Nge7 7.e4 0-0 8.c3 d5 9.e5 d4 10.c4 f6 0.78/22
[10...Nf5= 0.20/20]
11.exf6± Bxf6 12.Nbd2 White is better.
12...b6 1.14/21
[⌓12...Bg7 0.71/20]
13.Ne4 Bg7 14.Qe2 Nf5



15.Ne5 0.47/19 **Nxe5± 16.fxe5 Rb8** 1.81/21
[16...Bb7± 1.39/23]
17.Bg5+- Qc7 18.Nf6+ Kh8 19.Rae1 Bb7 20.g4 White is more active.
20...Ne7 2.32/19
[20...Nh6 1.78/22 21.Bxb7 Qxb7]
21.Bxb7 Qxb7 22.Rf3 Ng8 23.Ref1 h6 3.43/19
[23...Rbc8 2.36/19 24.Rh3 h6]
24.Rh3 Rf7 25.Qd2 Nxf6 26.exf6
[26.Bxf6 Kh7 27.Rf4 Rh8±]
26...Kg8 27.Bf4 1.01/24
[27.Bxh6 Rxf6 28.Rxf6 Bxf6±]
[27.Rhf3+- 4.95/21 has better winning chances.]
27...e5± 28.Bxe5 Re8

(Diagram)

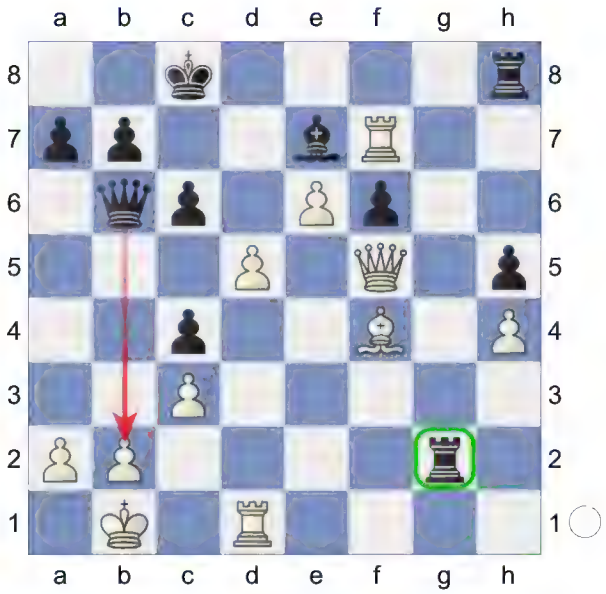


29.Qf4
[29.fxg7? Rxf1+ *(29...Rxe5 30.Rxf7 Qxf7 31.Qf2∓)* 30.Kxf1 Qh1+ *(30...Rxe5 31.Kg1∓)* 31.Kf2 Rxe5-+]
29...Qd7N 1.96/22
[29...Qc6± 0.88/21]
30.Qe4↑ White has strong initiative.
30...Qe6? 4.12/23
[30...Bxf6 1.68/22 was called for. 31.Qxg6+ Bg7 32.Rxh6 Rxf1+ *(32...Rxe5? 33.Rxf7 Qxf7 34.Rh8+* Deflection *Kxh8 35.Qxf7+-)* 33.Kxf1 Qf7+ *(33...Rxe5? 34.Qh7+ Kf8 35.Rf6+ Bxf6 36.Qxd7+-)* 34.Qxf7+ Remove Defender Kxf7 35.Bxg7 Kxg7]
31.Re1!
[31.fxg7 Rxf1+ 32.Kxf1 Qxe5 33.Qxe5 *(33.Qxg6? Qe1+ 34.Kg2 Re2+ 35.Kf3 Qf2#; 33.Rxh6 Qxe4 34.dxe4 Kxg7∓)* 33...Rxe5=]
[31.Rxh6? Bxh6 32.Qxg6+ Rg7 33.Qxh6 Rxg4+ 34.Bg3 Qe3+ 35.Qxe3 Rxe3-+]
31...Bxf6 32.Rxh6!
[Worse is 32.Qxg6+ Rg7 33.Qxh6 Bxe5 34.Qh8+ Kf7 35.Qh5+ Kf8 36.Rf3+ Kg8∓]

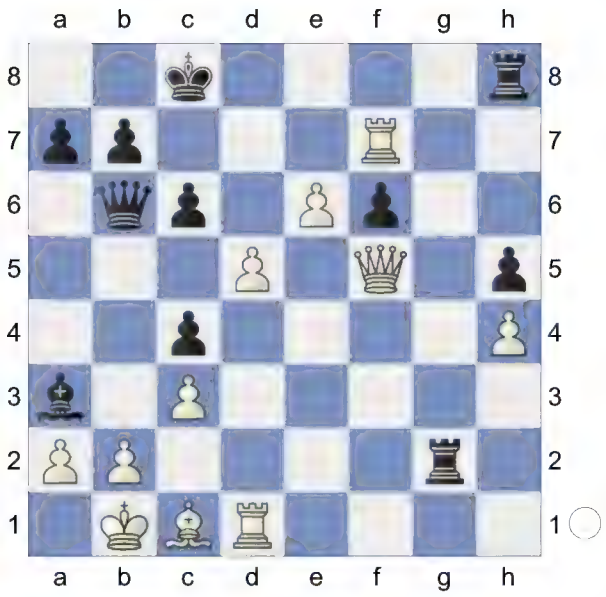
32...Bg7 33.Rxg6 Qd7 34.Rg5 Rfe7? 7.35/21
[34...Re6 3.95/21 35.Rf1 Rfe7]
35.Qg6 Rf7 36.Re4 and Be5xg7 should not be overlooked **36...Re6 37.Qxg7+** 2.92/5
[Weaker is 37.Qh5 Qa4 38.b3 Qa3 39.Rxg7+ *(39.Re1 Qxa2 40.Rf5 Rxf5±* Remove Defender *)* 39...Rxg7±]
[37.Qxf7+ 8.64/24 Qxf7 38.Rxg7+ Qxg7 39.Bxg7 Rxe4 40.dxe4 Kxg7 41.Kf2]
37...Rxg7 38.Rxg7+ Qxg7 39.Bxg7 Weighted Error Value: White=0.75/ Black=0.84
1-0

56 **A03**
□ **Carlsen,Magnus** **2853**
■ **Rosen,E** **2349**
Titled Tue 16th May Late blitz (2) 16.5.23
[Kitty Kat]

A03: Bird's Opening with 1...d5
1.f4 d5 2.Nf3 g6 3.d3 Bg7 4.e4N
[4.c3 Nf6 5.Qc2 Bf5 *(5...Nbd7 6.e4 dxe4 7.dxe4 Nc5 8.Nbd2 Nfxe4 9.Nxe4 Bf5 10.Nfd2 Qd5* 0-1 Tomashevich,G-Nikolaev,L Kiev (Ukraine) 2000*)* 6.Nbd2 c6 7.e4 dxe4 8.dxe4 Bg4 9.Bc4 Qb6 10.Nb3 Nbd7 11.e5 Bf5 12.Qe2 Nd5 13.Nfd4 Be6 14.Nxe6 fxe6 15.Nd4 c5 16.Nb3 0-0 17.0-0 Rad8 18.Qg4 a5 0-1 (39) Morgan,J (1579)-Alzhin,L (1873) San Francisco Neil Falconer op 2013 (3)]
[4.g3 Nc6 5.Bg2 Bg4 6.0-0 Qd7 7.Nc3 0-0-0 8.Ng5 Bd4+ 9.Kh1 e6 10.h3 h5 11.Qd2 f6 12.Nf3 e5 13.Nxd4 exd4 14.hxg4 dxc3 15.bxc3 Qxg4 16.Qe3 h4 17.gxh4 Qxh4+ 18.Kg1 Nge7 0-1 (25) Flerov,A-Belousenko,A USSR corr 1973]
4...c6 5.e5 Nh6 6.d4 Bg4 7.h3 Bxf3 8.Qxf3 White has an edge. **8...Nf5** 0.68/21
[Better is 8...f6= -0.05/18]
9.c3± e6! 10.g4 Nh4 White now steadily converts the win. **11.Qf2 h5** 1.39/17
[⌓11...c5 0.72/18]
12.Be3± Nd7 13.Nd2 Bf8 14.0-0-0 Be7 15.Bd3 Qa5 16.Kb1 0-0-0 17.f5 gxf5 18.gxf5 exf5 2.76/20
[18...Nxf5 1.96/21 was called for. 19.Nb3 Qc7]
19.Bxf5 Nxf5 20.Qxf5 Rdf8 2.35/19
[20...Qb5± 1.60/20 21.Rdg1 *(21.Qxf7 Qd3+ 22.Ka1 Rh7±)* 21...Qe2]
21.Rhg1+- Qd8 22.Rg7 f6 23.e6 Nb6 24.Bf4 Rfg8 25.Rf7 Rg2 26.h4 Nc4? 6.90/20
[26...Rg4 2.00/17 27.Rh1 a6]
27.Nxc4 dxc4 28.d5 and Rf7xe7! should not be overlooked **28...Qb6**



29.Bc1
[29.Rxe7? Qxb2#]
29...Ba3



And now ...Rg2-f2 would win. **30.Rf8+!!** Promotion **30...Rxf8 31.e7+**

[31.Qxh5? is a self mate. Rxb2+ 32.Bxb2 Qxb2#]

31...Kb8 32.Bf4+ Ka8 33.exf8Q+ Bxf8 34.Qc8#

Weighted Error Value: White=0.13 (very precise) /Black=0.80

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57 **A03**

□ **Nakamura,Hikaru** **2775**

■ **Fedoseev,Vl3** **2662**

FIDE World Rapid 2014 (15.12) 18.06.14

[Kitty Kat]

A03: Bird's Opening with 1...d5

This game features the black knight moving to c6 instead of the pawn.

Andrew Greet, MH: 'This game features the black knight moving to c6 instead of the pawn. A03: Bird's Opening with 1...d5' **1.f4 d5 2.Nf3 c5 3.g3 Nc6 4.Bg2 g6 5.d3 Bg7 6.0-0 Nf6 7.Qe1**

[7.h3 0-0 8.c3 Qd6 9.Na3 a6 10.Qe1 e5 11.e4 Re8 12.fxe5 Nxe5 13.Nxe5 Qxe5 14.Bf4 Qe6 15.exd5 Qd7 16.Qf2 Nxd5 17.Nc4 Nxf4 18.Qxf4 Re6 19.Rae1 Qe7 20.Ne3 Qe8 21.Qf2 Ra7 1-0 (35) Smirnov,P (2601)-Beletsky,A (2393) RUS-chT 11th 2004 (1.4)]

7...Qb6N

[7...d4 8.a4 *(8.Na3 Nd5 9.Bd2 0-0 10.c3 Rb8 11.Nc2 b6 12.c4 Nc7 13.b4 cxb4 14.Nxb4 Nxb4 15.Bxb4 Na6 16.Bd2 Bb7 17.g4 e6 18.h4 Nc5 19.h5 gxh5 20.g5 f6 21.Qh4 Qe8 22.Rf2 f5* 1-0 (34) Balinski,D (2203)-Kowalec,M (2113) Roquetas de Mar op 36th 2025 (7)*; 8.h3 Nd5 9.Na3 e6 10.Ng5 f5 11.Kh2 0-0 12.Nc4 Ncb4 13.Qd1 Qc7 14.e4 dxe3 15.c3 Nc6 16.Nxe3 Nxe3 17.Bxe3 Qd6 18.Re1 h6 19.Nf3 Rd8 20.Qb3 Kh7 21.Rad1 Bd7 22.d4 Na5* 1-0 (29) Gabrielian,A-Sek,K Ulan Ude 2009*)* 8...Nd5 9.Na3 0-0 10.Nc4 Rb8 11.Bd2 b6 12.Rb1 Bb7 13.e4 dxe3 14.Nxe3 Nd4 15.Nxd4 Bxd4 16.Kh1 Re8 17.Nc4 e6 18.Ne5 Qc7 19.c3 Bxe5 20.fxe5 Ne7 21.Qf2 Bxg2+ 22.Kxg2 ½-½ (58) Sajtlava,I (2036)-Dimitrijevic,M (2313) Santiago m Santiago de Chile 1997 (1)]

8.Kh1 Nd4 9.Na3 Nxf3 Black has an edge. **10.Rxf3 h5 11.h3** -0.46/18 Prevents Bc8-g4.

[11.e4= -0.02/17]

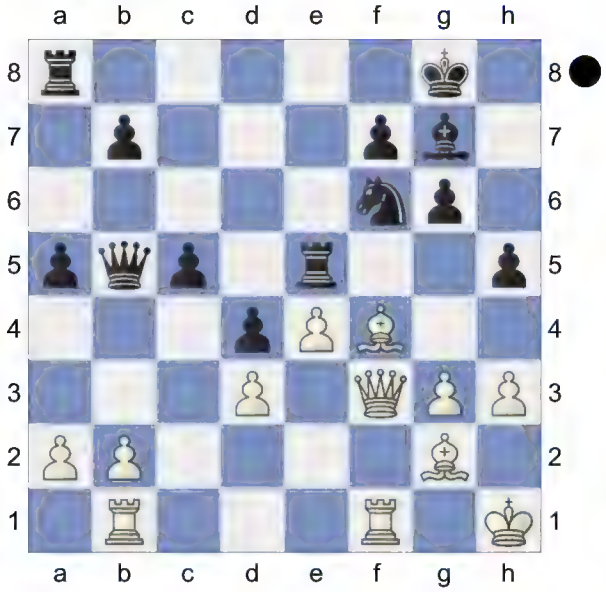
11...Bf5 12.c4 and c4xd5 should not be overlooked **12...d4 13.Rf1 0-0 14.Rb1! a5 15.Qf2** -0.69/18

[15.Nb5= -0.29/18]

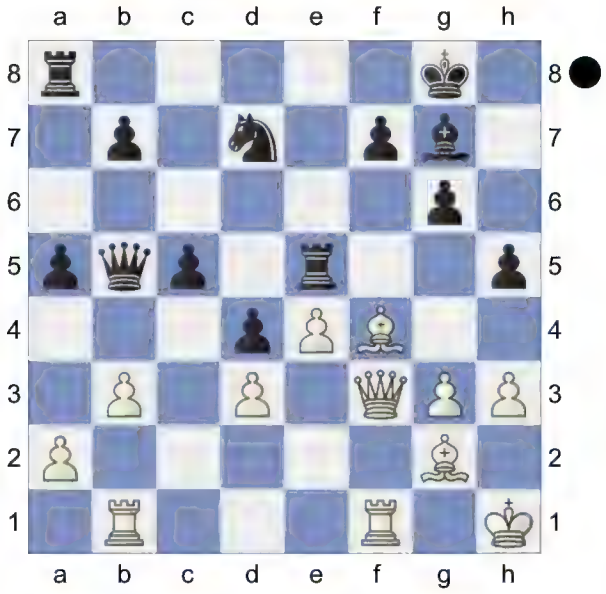
15...Rfe8 -0.20/18

[15...e5∓ -0.69/18 16.e4 *(16.fxe5 Nd7∓)* 16...dxe3 Discovered Attack 17.Bxe3 Bxd3 18.Bxc5 Qe6 19.Bxf8 Rxf8 *(19...Bxf1 20.Rxf1 Rxf8 21.f5=)* 20.fxe5 Nd7]

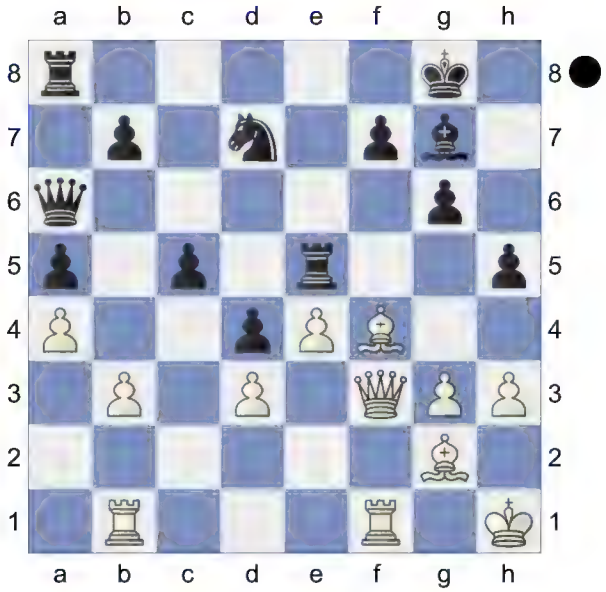
16.Nb5= Bd7 0.01/18
[16...a4∓ -0.35/18
is more appropriate.]
17.e4 Bxb5 18.cxb5 Qxb5 19.Qf3 -0.44/18
[19.e5= 0.11/19]
19...e5!∓ 20.fxe5 -0.96/21
[20.b3∓ -0.51/18]
20...Rxe5∓ 21.Bf4



Nd7 22.b3
[22.h4 Re7]



22...Qa6 -1.03/20 **23.a4** -1.59/21
[⌓23.h4 -1.03/20]



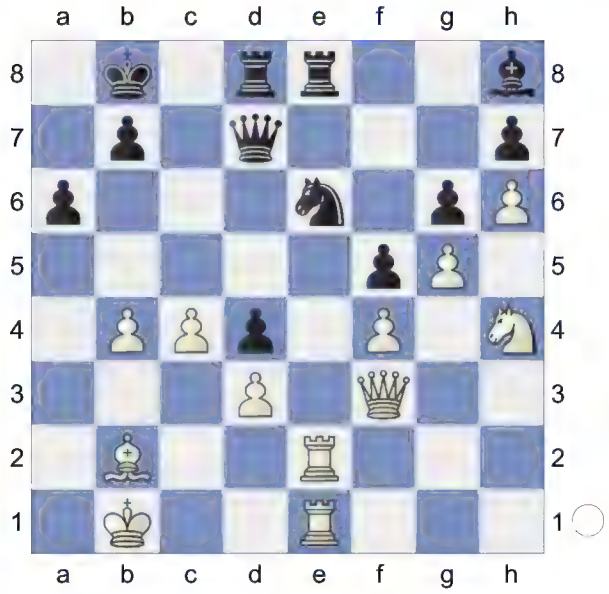
23...Re7! 24.Qe2 Ne5 25.Rfd1 b6 26.Qc2 Rae8 27.Rd2 Qb7 28.Rf1 Re6 -1.18/19
[28...Qc6-+ -1.76/19 29.Rc1 Rc8]
29.Rdd1 Qe7 30.Qd2 Nc6 -1.22/20
[30...h4-+ -1.71/20 31.g4 Rb8]
31.Qf2 Be5 32.h4 f6 33.Bh3 Rd6 34.Rg1 g5 35.Bf5 Kg7
[35...gxf4 36.gxf4+ Kf8 37.Qf3∓ *(37.fxe5 Nxe5 38.Qf4 Ng4±)*]
36.Qe2 Rh8
[36...gxf4? 37.gxf4+ Kf8 38.Qxh5+- *(38.fxe5 Qxe5 39.Qxh5 Ke7+-)*]
37.Bd2 -1.24/21
[37.Bc1 -0.81/21]
37...g4 38.Kg2 Rdd8 39.Rgf1 -1.67/20
[39.Bc1∓ -1.26/19 was worth a try.]
39...Qf7 -1.19/20
[39...Rb8-+ -1.67/20 40.Ra1 b5]
40.Rb1 Rb8 41.Qd1 Qc7 42.Be1 Qd6 Wards off Bf5-e6 **43.Qc2 Ne7 44.Qc4 Qc6** -0.52/19
[Black should try 44...Rhf8∓ -0.93/21]
45.Qb5 -1.21/22
[45.Qe6∓ -0.52/19 Qd6 46.Qxd6 Bxd6 47.Be6]

45...Qxb5 46.axb5 Kf7 -0.77/24
[⌓46...Nxf5 -1.35/21 47.Rxf5 Ra8]
47.Bd2 Ra8 48.Ra1 Ra7 49.Ra4 Rd8 50.Bc1 Rd6 51.Bd2 Rd8 0.01/24
[51...Kg7∓ -0.89/25]
52.Bc1!= Nxf5 -0.33/27
[52...Raa8∓ -0.82/23]
53.Rxf5∓ Kg6 54.Bf4 Re7 55.Ra2 Bxf4 56.gxf4 Endgame KRR-KRR. Black is a pawn up. **56...Ra7 57.Ra4! Rdd7 58.Kg3 Rd8 59.Ra2** -0.64/26
[Better is 59.Kg2= 0.01/28]
59...Re7 0.01/26
[59...a4∓ -0.64/26 60.bxa4 c4 *(60...Rda8 61.Rd5=)* 61.dxc4 d3]
60.Ra4 Ree8 61.Ra2 Rh8 62.Ra4 Rhe8 63.Ra2! Ra8 64.Rd5 -0.63/28
[64.Kf2= -0.23/23]
64...Red8! Hoping for ...Rd8xd5. **65.Rf5 Rd7 66.Ra4! Rd6 67.Kg2 Re8 68.Kg3 Re7 69.Kg2 Rdd7 70.Kg3 Rh7 71.Ra2 Kf7 72.Ra4 Ke6 73.Ra2 Rd8 74.Ra4 Rdd7 75.Ra2 Rd6 76.Ra4 Rd8 77.Ra2 Rdd7 78.Kg2** The position is equal. **78...Rd8 79.Ra4 g3 80.Ra1 Rg8 81.Rd5** Whites escaped into a draw.
Weighted Error Value: White=0.19 (very precise) /Black=0.18 (very precise)
½-½

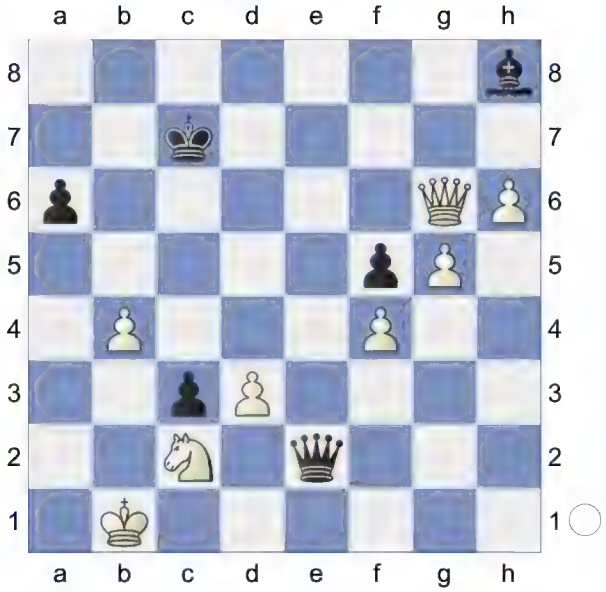
58 **A03**
□ **Danielsen,Henrik** **2521**
■ **Kazakouski,Valery** **2538**
ISL-chT Kvika 2223 (3.1) 15.10.2022
[Kitty Kat]

A03: Bird's Opening with 1...d5
1.f4 d5 2.b3 c5 3.e3 a6 4.Nf3 Nc6
[4...Nf6 5.Bb2 e6 6.Be2 Be7 7.0-0 0-0 8.h3 Ne4 9.Qe1 Bf6 10.Be5 Nc6 11.d3 Nd6 12.g4 Ne8 13.Bxf6 Qxf6 14.Nc3 d4 15.Ne4 Qe7 16.Ne5 Nb4 17.Bd1 f5 18.Ng5 Qd6 19.e4 Meyer,H (2357)-Ricarte,J (2340) Jugoslavija 58/(454) 2014 The Benko Gambit: MBM [Dragan Solak] ½-½]
5.Bb2 Bg4N
[5...e6 6.Be2 Nf6 7.0-0 Be7 8.Qe1 0-0 9.Qg3 Ne8 10.d4 Nd6 11.Nbd2 cxd4 12.exd4 Qc7 13.Qf2 Rd8 14.c3 Bd7 15.Bd3 Be8 16.Ng5 h6 17.Ngf3 Bf8 18.Rae1 Ne7 19.g4 Rac8 20.Ne5 Bird,H-Lange,M Nuremberg 1883 Bird-Defence [Oleinikov] 1-0 (46)]
6.h3 Bxf3 7.Qxf3 Qd6 0.64/18
[7...Nb4= 0.19/17]
8.g4 White is slightly better.
[8.Nc3!?]
8...f6 9.Bg2 e6N An important novelty. Eine beachtenswerte Neuerung. **10.d3** 0.39/18
[10.Nc3± 0.79/16]
10...Nge7± 11.Nd2 0-0-0 12.0-0-0 Qc7 13.Kb1 Qa5 0.90/18
[13...Kb8± 0.52/16]
14.h4± Kb8 15.g5 f5 16.h5 Rg8 17.Qe2 Nc8 18.c4 Nb6 19.Rc1 Bd6 20.a3 Rge8 21.Rhd1 Bf8 22.Nf3 Nd7 1.14/17
[⌓22...Ka7 0.81/16]
23.Nh4 d4 1.40/18
[⌓23...Nb6 1.02/18 24.Qc2 Rd7]
24.e4 0.54/19
[Better is 24.Bxc6± 1.40/18 bxc6 25.exd4]
24...Ne7 0.91/15
[24...e5± 0.54/19 should be considered.]
25.Re1 Qc7 26.Qf2 g6 27.exf5 exf5 1.95/22
[27...Nxf5± 1.29/22 28.hxg6 hxg6]
28.Re6 1.37/22

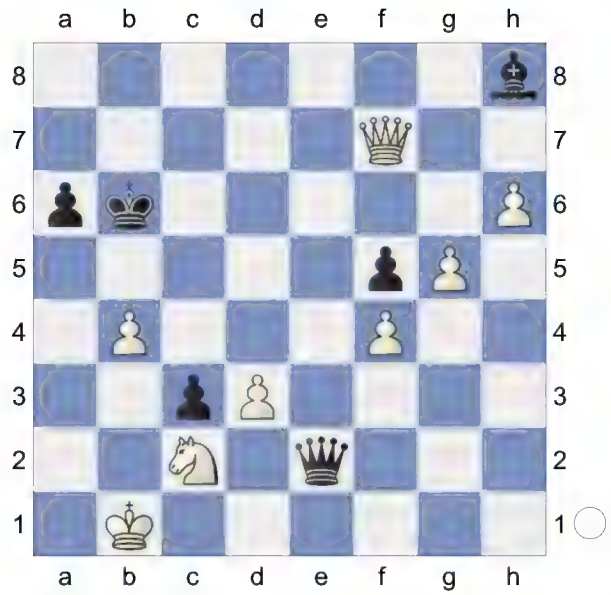
[28.Rc2+- 1.95/22]
28...Bg7 29.Rce1 Nf8 30.R6e2 Qd7 2.65/26
[30...Rd7± 1.44/21 31.h6 Bh8]
31.h6 Bh8 32.b4? 0.99/21
[32.Qf3!+- 2.61/22]
32...Nc6 33.Bd5
[Don't take 33.bxc5 Ne6±]
33...cxb4 34.Bxc6 Qxc6 35.axb4 Ne6 36.Qf3 0.45/20
[36.Nf3± 0.82/21]
36...Qd7 1.20/20
[36...Qd6± 0.45/20]



37.Ba3 0.01/22
[37.Nxf5!± 1.20/20 Qd5! is the strong threat. gxf5 38.Qd5 Qxd5 39.cxd5]
37...Nc7= Inhibits Qd5. Threatens to win with ...Re3!
[37...b5 is interesting. 38.c5 Nc7 39.Bb2 Rxe2 40.Qxe2 Re8]
38.Rxe8 Rxe8 39.Rxe8+ Qxe8 40.Ng2 -0.98/21 Inhibits Qe1+.
[40.Qd1∓ -0.61/23]
40...Qe6 -0.01/21
[40...Qa4∓ -0.98/21 41.Bb2 Qxb4]
41.Bb2 -0.59/23
[41.Qf2= -0.01/21]
41...b5 42.cxb5 -0.77/24
[42.Qf1∓ -0.37/23 was preferrable.]
42...Nxb5∓ 43.Qd1 -1.86/22
[White should play 43.Kc1∓ -0.68/22]
43...Nc3+!-+ 44.Bxc3 dxc3
Predecessor: **45.Ne1?** -6.35/24
[45.Qa4 -2.10/23]
45...Qd6? -0.01/22
[45...c2+ 46.Nxc2 Qb3+ 47.Kc1 Bc3]
[45...c2+-+ -6.35/24 46.Nxc2 Qb3+ 47.Kc1 Bc3]
46.Qb3= Qe7? 2.20/26
[46...c2+? 47.Nxc2 Kc7 48.d4+-]
[46...Kb7= 0.01/22 and Black stays safe.]
47.Nc2!+- Kb7? 4.51/23
[47...Qe2 1.68/24]
48.Qg8 Qe2 49.Qxh7+ Kb6 50.Qxg6+
[50.Qxh8 leads to mate. Qd1+ 51.Ka2 Qxc2+ 52.Ka3 Qb2+ 53.Ka4 Qa2#]
50...Kc7



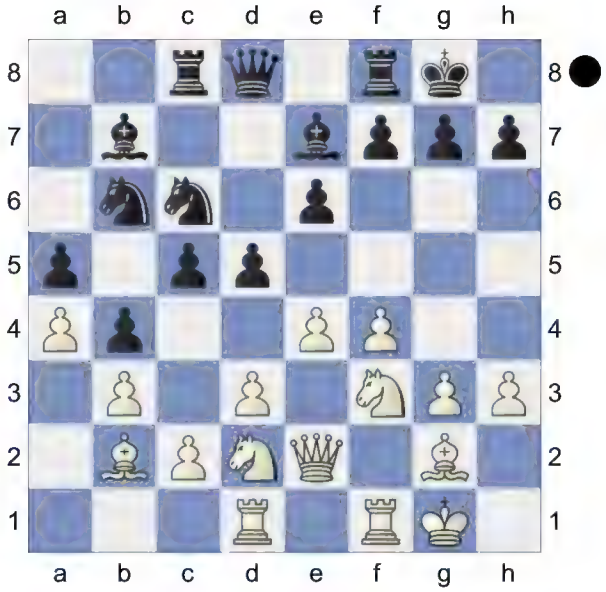
(-> ...Qd1+) **51.Qf7+! Kb6?** 7.84/24
[51...Kd6 2.58/20 52.Qb3 *(52.Qxf5 is a self mate. Qd1+ 53.Ka2 Qxc2+ 54.Ka3 Qb2+ 55.Ka4 Qa2#)* 52...Qf1+ 53.Ka2 Qxf4]



52.Qb3! ½-½ (45) Ramirez Alvarez,A (2568)-Perelshteyn,E (2513) Reykjavik 2018. White is clearly winning. **52...Qf1+ 53.Ka2 Qxf4 54.Qe6+ Kc7 55.Qe7+ Kb6 56.Qd8+** What a fight!
Weighted Error Value: White=0.32/ Black=0.47. Loss on time!?
0-1

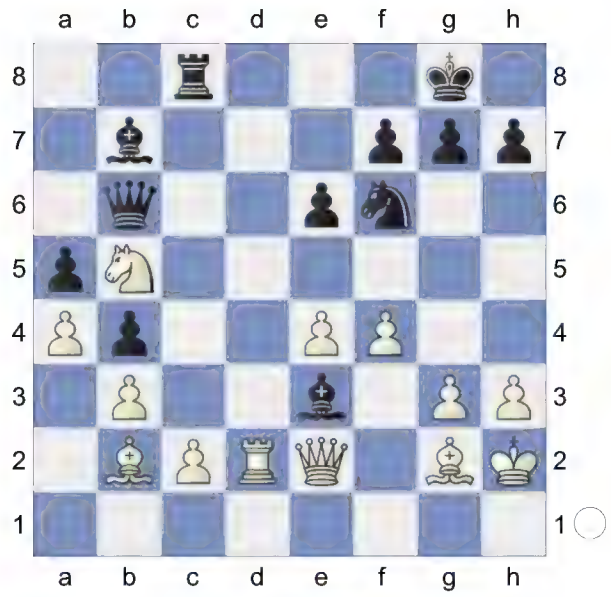
59 **A03**
□ **Moussard,Jules** **2608**
■ **Cornette,Matthieu** **2558**
1. Montaiguillon Rapid (5.1) 08.09.2019
[Kitty Kat]

A03: Bird's Opening with 1...d5
1.f4 d5 2.Nf3 Nf6 3.g3 e6N
[3...g6 4.b3 Bg7 5.Bb2 0-0 6.Bg2 b6 7.a4 c5 8.e3 Bb7 9.0-0 Nc6 1.f4 d5 2.♘f3 ♘f6 3.g3 g6-4.b3]
[3...Nc6 4.d4 a6 5.Bg2 Bg4 6.Ne5 Nxe5 7.fxe5 Nd7 8.c4 dxc4 9.Bxb7 Ra7 10.Bc6 e6 11.0-0 Be7 12.Nd2 0-0 13.Nxc4 Nb8 14.Be4 c5 15.Rf4 Bh3 16.e3 Bg5 17.Rf2 g6 18.b3 (20) Chapter Part-Game Chapter Part 5]
4.b3 Be7 5.Bb2 c5 6.Bg2 Nc6 7.e3 0-0 8.0-0 b5 9.a4 b4 10.Qe2 Repels Bc8-a6. Black is slightly better.
10...a5 11.d3 Bb7 -0.11/19
[11...Ba6∓ -0.50/18 was preferable.]
12.Nbd2= Rc8 13.h3 Nd7 14.e4 Nb6
[14...Nd4!? 15.Nxd4 cxd4=]
15.Rad1



Nd4 0.47/20 **16.Nxd4± cxd4 17.Nf3 Bc5** 1.11/19
[17...dxe4± 0.69/19 18.dxe4 Bc5]
18.Nxd4 dxe4 1.24/21
[⌓18...Ba6 0.79/20]
19.dxe4± Nd7 20.Kh2 Qb6 21.Nb5 Rfd8 22.Rd2 0.79/21 White has more active pieces.
[⌓22.Rd3 1.27/19]
22...Nf6 23.Rfd1 Rxd2 24.Rxd2 Be3 1.73/22
[Better is 24...Rd8± 0.70/21]

(Diagram)

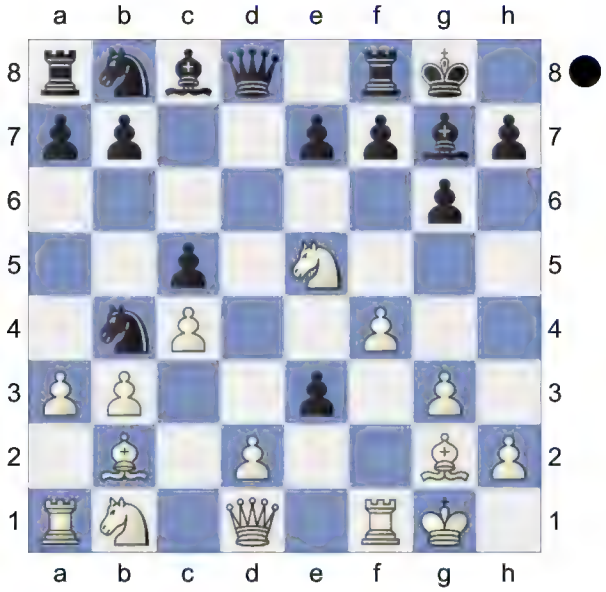


25.Rd3 1.20/22
[White should play 25.Bxf6!+- 1.73/22 gxf6 *(25...Bxd2? 26.Bd4+-)* 26.Rd1]
25...Bg1+ 26.Kh1 Bc5 Prevents Nb5-d6 **27.c4** 0.57/21
[27.Bxf6± 1.14/21 and Bf6-d4 would now be decisive gxf6 28.Qg4+ Kf8 29.Qh5]
27...bxc3± 28.Bxc3 Qc6 1.51/21
[28...Bc6± 0.57/20]
29.e5± Ne4 30.Kh2 f5? 3.79/21
[30...Bf2 1.64/21 31.h4 *(31.Bxa5 Qc1±)* 31...Nxc3 32.Bxc6 *(32.Qxf2 Qxg2+ 33.Qxg2 Bxg2+-)* 32...Nxe2 33.Bxb7 Rb8]
31.exf6+-
[Not 31.Bxa5 Ba6 32.Rd1 Rb8+-]
31...gxf6? 7.34/20
[31...Nxc3 3.47/19 32.f7+ *(32.Nxc3 Qxg2+ 33.Qxg2 Bxg2±)* 32...Kf8 33.Rxc3 *(33.Nxc3 Qxg2+ 34.Qxg2 Bxg2+-; 33.Bxc6 Bg1+ 34.Kxg1 Nxe2+ 35.Kf2 Nc1±)* 33...Qxg2+ 34.Qxg2 Bxg2]
32.Bxf6 White wants to mate with Qe2-g4+. Pin **32...Nd6**
Weighted Error Value: White=0.16 (very precise) /Black=0.57
1-0

60 **A03**
□ **Carlsen,Magnus** **2839**
■ **Rietze,C** **2329**
Titled Tue 24th Oct Early blitz (1)
[Kitty Kat]

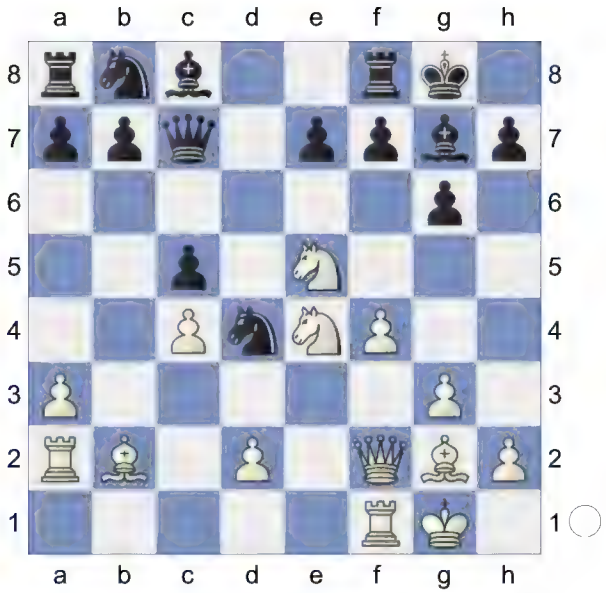
A03: Bird's Opening with 1...d5
1.f4 d5 2.b3 Nf6 3.Bb2 g6N
[3...d4 4.Nf3 Bg4 5.Nxd4 e5 6.fxe5 Ne4 7.g3 Bc5 8.c3 Nc6 9.Bg2 Nxd4 10.Bxe4 Bxe2 11.Qc1 Bf3 12.cxd4 Bxe4 13.Rf1 Be7 14.Nc3 Bd3 15.Ne2 Qd5 16.Kf2 Qe4 17.Re1 Bg5 18.Ng1 0-1 (34) Leistner,A-Mohonea,A corr 13.USA Championship/ 2001 Qf5+ 19.Nf3 Bh6 20.Qxc7 0-0 21.Qc1 Rac8 22.Bc3 Qh3 23.Qd1 f5 24.Bb4 f4 25.g4 Bg5 26.Kg1 Bh4 27.Nxh4 f3 28.Bxf8 Rxf8 29.Kf2 Qxh4+ 30.Ke3 Bg6 31.d3 f2 32.Kd2 fxe1Q+ 33.Qxe1 0-1 (34) Lahjo,K-Matikka,H ch-E/4 corr 1974]
[3...c6 4.Nf3 Bg4 5.Ne5 Bf5 6.e3 Nbd7 7.Be2 Nxe5 8.Bxe5 Nd7 9.Bb2 f6 10.0-0 Qc7 11.Nc3 0-0-0 12.b4 Bg6 13.b5 e5 14.bxc6 bxc6 15.Rb1 exf4 16.Ba6+ Kb8 17.Nxd5 1-0 Bosc,S (1861)-Thoue,J (1724) Vaujany op-B 10th 2019 (7)]
[3...c5 4.Nf3 g6 5.e3 Bg7 6.Bb5+ Nbd7 7.c4 0-0 8.cxd5 Nb6 9.0-0 Nbxd5 10.Nc3 Nb4 11.Ne5 Bf5 12.Be2 Nd7 13.Na4 Nxe5 14.Bxe5 Bxe5 15.fxe5 b6 16.Nb2 Qd7 17.a3 Nc6 18.d3 0-1 (33) Mueller,K (1357)-Scacco,M (2208) AR-2003-Q-00008 (1)]
4.g3 Bg7 5.Bg2 0-0 6.Nf3 c5 7.0-0

d4 8.Ne5 Black has an edge. **8...Nd5 9.e4 dxe3** 0.41/18
[9...Bxe5∓ -0.41/17 10.exd5 Bg7]
10.c4? -1.10/20
[10.Qe2!± 0.41/18 stays ahead.]
10...Nb4!∓ ...Nb8-d7 would now be deadly. **11.a3** -1.71/21
[11.Nc3∓ -0.88/19]



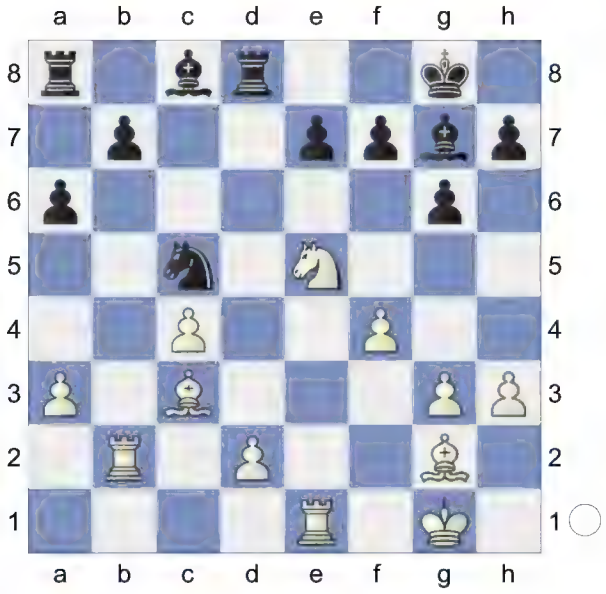
11...e2 -0.46/21 **12.Qxe2∓ Nc2 13.Ra2 Nd4 14.Qf2** -1.12/20
[14.Bxd4∓ -0.42/19 Qxd4+ 15.Rf2]
14...Nxb3∓ 15.Nc3 Nd4 -0.21/19
[15...Nxd2? 16.Rd1+-]
[15...Qxd2 16.Nd5 Qxf2+ 17.Rxf2±]
[15...Bxe5∓ -1.40/18 16.fxe5 Qxd2 *(16...Nxd2? 17.Rd1+-)*]
16.Ne4= Qc7 0.23/18
[⌓16...Nbc6 -0.30/18]

(Diagram)

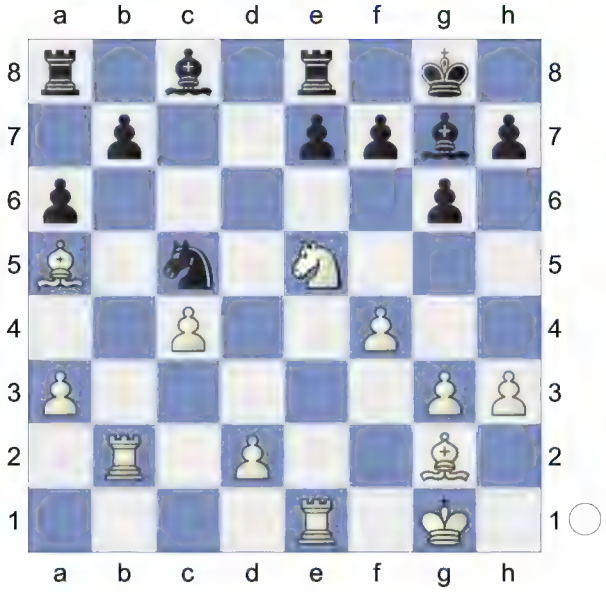


17.Nxc5! Qxc5
[17...Ne6 18.Ned3]
18.Bxd4 Qc7 19.Rb2
[19.Bxa7 Bxe5 20.fxe5 Qxc4=]
19...Nd7 1.24/20
[19...Nc6= 0.20/19 keeps the balance.]
20.Re1 0.55/19
[20.Bxa7?! Nxe5 *(20...Bxe5 21.fxe5 Qxc4 22.Rb4=)* 21.fxe5 Qxc4∓]
[20.Nxd7± 1.24/20 Bxd4 21.Qxd4]
20...Nf6 1.55/19
[Black should try 20...Nxe5± 0.55/19 21.fxe5 *(21.Bxe5 Bxe5 22.Rxe5 Qxc4∓)* 21...Qxc4]
21.h3±
[21.Bxa7?! Nd7±]
21...Rd8 22.Bc3 1.30/18
[22.Bxa7 Nd7=]
[White should play 22.Rb5+- 1.90/19]
22...a6 2.06/18
[22...Nd7± 1.30/18]
23.Qb6 Qxb6+ 24.Rxb6 Nd7 25.Rb2 0.12/21 White is much more active.
[25.Rbb1± 1.32/20]
25...Nc5 1.02/20
[25...Bxe5!= 0.12/21 26.Bxe5 *(26.fxe5 Nc5∓)* 26...Nc5 *(26...Nxe5*

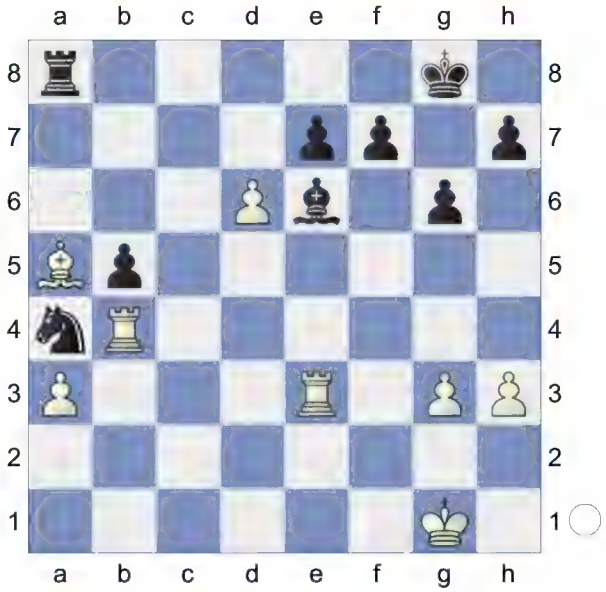
27.Rxe5 Rd3 28.Re3±)]



26.Ba5! Re8 1.70/19
[26...Rd6± 1.07/20 was necessary.]



27.Re3!+- Bxe5? 3.09/21 Black cannot hold the game after this.
[27...g5± 1.12/18]
28.fxe5
[28.Rxe5 Nd3 29.Rb1 Nxe5 30.fxe5 g5=]
28...Be6 Black is weak on the dark squares **29.d4**
[29.Bxb7 Rab8 30.Bc6 Rxb2∓]
29...Na4 30.Rb4
[30.Rxb7 Rac8 31.d5 Bf5+-]
30...b5 31.d5
[Don't take 31.cxb5 axb5 32.Bxa8 Rxa8+-]
31...Bd7 6.72/22
[31...Bc8 2.91/22 32.e6 *(32.cxb5 axb5 33.Bc7 Ra7±)* 32...Bb7 33.exf7+ *(33.cxb5 axb5 34.exf7+ Kxf7+-)* 33...Kxf7]
32.e6 Bc8 33.d6 Discovered Attack
33...Bxe6 34.Bxa8 Rxa8 35.cxb5? 2.45/23
[35.dxe7 Re8 36.cxb5 axb5 37.Rxb5 *(37.Bd8 Bc4+-)* 37...Rxe7+-]
[35.Rxe6 7.02/23 fxe6 36.d7 *(36.cxb5 exd6 37.b6 Nc5∓; 36.dxe7 Re8+-)*]
35...axb5? 4.54/21
[35...exd6 2.45/23 36.b6 *(36.Rxa4 axb5 37.Rd4 Rxa5±)* 36...Nc5]



36.dxe7! Re8 37.Bd8 2.60/20
[⌓37.Rxb5 4.53/20 Rxe7 38.Re4 Trapped Piece]
37...Nc5? 5.75/20

[37...Bc4 2.60/20 38.Rb1 f6]
38.Rxb5 Nd7 39.a4 Re3xe6! would now be deadly. **39...Kg7 40.a5 Kf6 41.a6 Bc4 42.a7 Bxb5 43.a8Q**
Weighted Error Value: White=0.83/ Black=1.31
[Not 43.a8B Nc5±]
1-0

61 **A02**
□ **Caruana,Fabiano** **2794**
■ **Gunduz,Umut Erdem** **2318**
Titled Tue 19th Dec Late blitz (5)
[Kitty Kat]

A02: Bird's Opening
Played as part of a simultaneous exhibition over 30 boards at the Kaffee Kopt on 29 Oct. 1926.
This game was Nimzowitsch's only loss, the final score: +22, =7, -1. Played as part of a simultaneous exhibition over 30 boards at the Kaffee Kopt on 29 Oct. 1926. This game was Nimzowitsch's only loss, the final score: +22, =7, -1. Played as part of a simultaneous exhibition over 30 boards at the Kaffee Kopt on 29 Oct. 1926. This game was Nimzowitsch's only loss, the final score: +22, =7, -1. A02: Bird's Opening **1.f4 e5 2.fxe5 d6 3.Nf3 dxe5 4.Nxe5 Bd6 5.Nf3 Bg4 6.e3 Nc6N** 0.54/18
[6...Nf6= 0.13/18 is superior.]
[6...Nd7 7.d4 *(7.Be2 Nh6 8.0-0 c6 9.h3 Be6 10.e4 Qb6+ 11.d4 0-0-0 12.Nc3 f6 13.Be3 Bb8 14.Qd2 Qc7 15.b4 Bxh3 16.Rf2 Bg4 17.b5 Bxf3 18.gxf3 Nc5 19.bxc6 Qxc6 20.Nd5 Ne6 21.Qc3 Qxc3* 0-1 (42) Nimzowitsch,A-Schottmueller,F Simul. (+22, =7, -1) 1926*)* 7...c6 8.Nc3 Qa5 9.g3 Ngf6 10.Bd2 Qc7 11.Bg2 0-0-0 12.0-0 Rde8 13.Re1 h5 14.Ne2 h4 15.h3 Bxf3 16.Bxf3 hxg3 17.Nf4 Bxf4 18.exf4 Rxe1+ 19.Qxe1 Rxh3 20.Bg2 Rh8 21.Qxg3 ½-½ (29) Cid Moragas,D (1368)-Sola Lluch,M (1934) Moia op 2nd 2013 (1)]
[6...c6 7.Nc3 Qc7 8.Ne4 Bxh2 9.Rxh2 Bxf3 10.Qxf3 Qxh2 11.g3 Nf6 12.Nd6+ Ke7 13.Nxb7 Nbd7 14.b3 Rhc8 15.Ba3+ c5 16.0-0-0 Qh5 17.Qxh5 Nxh5 18.d4 Nxg3 19.Ba6 Nb8 20.Bc4 Ne4 21.Rf1 (24) 10.Kh1 Nc6 11.Be3 Re8-10) Black Develops 8...Nge7 9 Hoogovens Wijk aan Zee 1985]
7.Bb5 Nge7 8.0-0 0-0 White is slightly better. **9.Nc3 a6** 1.02/19
[9...Ne5± 0.56/18]
10.Be2± Ng6 11.Ne4 Be7 1.56/20
[⌓11...Nce5 1.11/17]
12.Nf2 Be6 13.d4 Wards off Nc6-e5 **13...f5 14.c4 Bf7 15.Bd2 Bf6 16.Bc3** 1.20/20
[16.Bd3+- 1.68/16]
16...Re8 17.Qd2 Qe7 18.d5 Nce5 19.Nd4 Qd7 2.40/18
[19...Nh4± 1.40/20]
20.Nh3 f4? 4.22/19
[20...Ne7 2.12/17 21.Rad1 c5]
21.Nxf4 Black must now prevent Nf4-h5. **21...Nxf4 22.exf4**
[Weaker is 22.Rxf4 Bg5 23.Raf1 c5+-]
22...Ng4 23.f5 Ne5 24.Ne6 c6 25.Rad1 cxd5 26.cxd5 Rac8 27.Kh1 b5 28.Qf4 Qd6 29.Bb4 Qb6 30.Qg3 Nc4? 6.67/21
[30...h5 3.65/18 31.Bc3 h4]
31.Bc3 Bxc3 6.48/22
[⌓31...Qd6 4.47/21 32.Rf4 *(32.Bxf6 Qxg3 33.hxg3 gxf6+-)* 32...Be5]
32.bxc3+- Bxe6 33.fxe6 Ne3 11.34/21
[⌓33...Nd6 5.16/19 34.Bd3 Rc7]

34.Rf7 g6

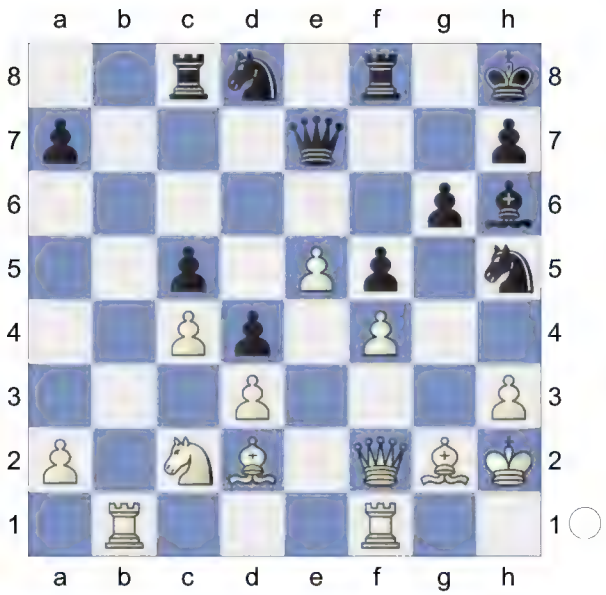
35.Qe5! 11.30/18 **Nf5 36.Rxf5** Remove Defender **36...gxf5 37.Rd3** Threatening mate with Rd3-g3+. **37...Rc4 38.Rg3+** Discovered Attack. Weighted Error Value: White=0.59/ Black=1.28
1-0

62 **A03**
□ **Nakamura,Hikaru** **2741**
■ **Karjakin,Sergey** **2760**
VI World Blitz (24.3) 17.11.2010
[Kitty Kat]

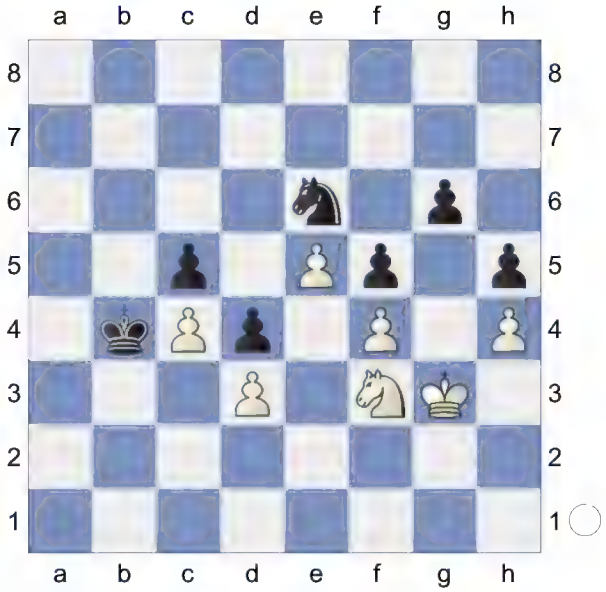
A03: Bird's Opening with 1...d5
1.f4 d5 2.Nf3 Nf6 3.g3 g6 4.Bg2 Bg7 5.d3 0-0 6.0-0 c5 7.c3 Nc6 8.Na3 d4
[8...Bg4 9.h3 Bxf3 10.Bxf3 e5 11.e4 Qd7 12.Bg2 dxe4 13.dxe4 Rad8 14.Qxd7 Rxd7 15.f5 Nh5 16.Kh2 Rd3 17.Bf3 Nxg3 18.Kxg3 gxf5 19.Kg2 f4 20.Nc2 Rfd8 21.Ne1 R3d6 22.Bg4 Ne7 23.a4 1-0 (49) Harmon Vellotti,L (2317)-Voller,J (1935) 59/637 Luzern 1993 (5)]

9.e4 Bg4N 0.39/19
[9...dxe3= -0.05/18 10.Bxe3 Bf5 11.Bxc5 Bxd3 12.Re1 Qd5 13.Bf2 Be4 14.Qxd5 Bxd5 15.Nd4 Bxg2 16.Kxg2 Nxd4 17.Bxd4 e6 Chapter-Rojas,L URS-ch Soviet Union 1983]
[9...e5 10.f5 gxf5 11.exf5 dxc3 12.bxc3 e4 A 03/04 2000 13.Ne1 Ne5 14.Be3 Qa5 15.Qb3 exd3 16.Nc4 Nxc4 17.Qxc4 b6 18.Bxa8 Ba6 19.Qh4 Rxa8 20.Bd2 Re8 21.Nf3 Re4 22.Qh3 Bb7 23.Rae1 Rxe1 24.Bxe1 Qxa2 25.g4 Qd5 26.Qg3 Ne4 27.Qb8+ Bf8 0-1 (34) Rytikov,V-Varsiesiu,D Chapter 3 7.b3/8.♗e2 b6 2018]
10.c4 -0.37/19
[10.h3± 0.39/19 Bxf3 11.Qxf3]
10...e5 Black is slightly better. **11.h3 Bxf3 12.Qxf3 exf4 13.gxf4 Nh5 14.Nc2 f5** -0.19/20
[14...Kh8∓ -0.71/19]
15.e5= Qe7 16.Bd2 Rac8 0.54/20
[16...Bh6= -0.01/19]
17.Rab1
[17.b4!?]
17...b6 18.b4 Kh8 19.bxc5 bxc5 20.Qf2 -0.01/21
[20.Ne1± 0.52/20]
20...Bh6 0.67/20
[20...g5= -0.01/21]
21.Kh2 -0.37/20
[21.Bd5± 0.67/20]
21...Nd8∓

(Diagram)



22.Bd5 Ne6 23.Rb7 Rc7 24.Rxc7 Nxc7 Excellent horsemanship. **25.Ne1! Rb8 26.Bc1! Qd7 27.Qf3 Rb1! 28.Ng2! Ra1 29.Qe2** -0.83/23
[29.a3∓ -0.41/19]
29...Rb1? 0.69/24
[29...Nxd5∓ -0.83/23 30.e6 Qd6 31.cxd5 Bf8]
30.Qc2± Rb8 31.Bf3 Ng7 32.Bd2 Nge6 33.Rb1 Qc8 34.h4 White is more active. **34...Rb6** 1.17/21
[Black should play 34...Rxb1 0.74/19 35.Qxb1 Bf8]
35.Rxb6± axb6 36.Qa4 Qa6 37.Qxa6 Nxa6 38.Bd5 Nec7 39.Kg3 Kg7 0.68/23
[39...Nxd5= 0.26/24 40.cxd5 Kg8]
40.Ne1 Kf8 41.Bb7 0.21/23
[41.Kf3± 0.62/21]
41...Ke7 42.Nc2 Nb8 43.Ne1 -0.01/23
[43.Na1± 0.45/25 is more appropriate.]
43...Kd7 44.Bf3 Nc6 The position is equal. **45.Bxc6+ Kxc6=** Endgame KBN-KBN **46.a4 Ne6 47.Nc2 Bf8 48.a5 bxa5 49.Bxa5 h6 50.Ne1 Be7 51.Nf3 h5 52.Ne1 Kb7 53.Nc2 Ka6 54.Bd2 Bd8 55.Ne1! Ba5 56.Bxa5 Kxa5** KN-KN **57.Nf3 Kb4**



58.Kf2 Nd8 and ...Kb4-c3 would now be decisive
[58...Nxf4!? 59.Kg3□ Ne2+ *(59...Nxd3? perishes. 60.e6+-)* 60.Kf2 Nf4=]
59.Ng5 Ka5!
[Avoid the trap 59...Kc3? 60.Ke2+-]
60.e6 And now e6-e7 would win.
60...Nc6 61.Ke2 Kb6 62.Nf7 Kc7 63.Kf3 Ne7 64.Ke2 Nc6 65.Kd2 Ne7 66.Kc2 Nc6 67.Kc1 Nb4 68.Kd2 Nc6 69.Kd1 Ne7 70.Kc2 Nc6
Weighted Error Value: White=0.15 (very precise) /Black=0.16 (very precise)
½-½

63 **A03**
□ **Nakamura,Hikaru** **2741**
■ **Svidler,Peter** **2722**
VI World Blitz (6.8) 16.11.2010
[Kitty Kat]

A03: Bird's Opening with 1...d5
James Vigus, MH: 'A03: Bird's Opening with 1...d5' **1.f4 d5 2.Nf3 Nf6 3.g3 g6 4.Bg2 Bg7 5.0-0 0-0 6.d3 c5 7.c3**

Nc6 8.Na3 Rb8 9.Qe1N
[9.Ne5 Qc7 *(9...Bf5 10.h3 Nxe5 11.fxe5 Nd7 12.d4 cxd4 13.cxd4 Qb6 14.Kh2 Rbd8* 30. Bird 1.f4-Bird 1.f4 − 3.g3 #10 *)*
A) 10.Qa4 Nxe5 11.fxe5 Bd7 12.Qh4 Qxe5 13.Bf4 *(13.e4 dxe4 14.Bf4 Qe6 15.Bxb8 Rxb8 16.Qf4 Rc8 17.dxe4 Ng4 18.Bh3 h5 19.Nc2 Be5 20.Qg5 Bc6 21.Bxg4 hxg4 22.Ne3 Bf6 23.Qxg4 Qxe4 24.Qxe4 Bxe4 25.Rad1* Polar Bear-Rb8,B 2008*)* 13...Qxe2 14.Bxb8 Qxb2 7) 1.f4-1.f4 #17 Lifetime Repertoires: Sidelines and Fla 2024;
B) 10.Nxc6 Qxc6 11.Qc2 b5 12.e4 dxe4 13.dxe4 e5 14.f5 Bb7 15.Bg5 Nxe4 16.Rae1 Bird Leningrad Mainline-8...Rb8]
[9.Nc2 d4 10.c4 Ne8 11.Rb1 a5 12.b3 Nd6 13.e4 dxe3 14.Bxe3 b6 15.Nh4 Qc7 16.d4 Rd8 17.d5 Nf5 18.Nxf5 Bxf5 19.g4 Bxc2 20.Qxc2 Nd4 21.Bxd4 Bxd4+ 22.Kh1 b5 23.cxb5 Rxb5 0-1 (40) Potpara,N (2390)-Ortiz,I (2540) 75/(450) Swidnica 1999 (4)]
9...b5 10.Nc2 b4 11.Ne5 -0.84/17
[11.cxb4= -0.19/19 keeps the balance. Nxb4 12.Nxb4 Rxb4 *(12...cxb4 13.Qd1∓)* 13.b3]
11...Nxe5∓ 12.fxe5

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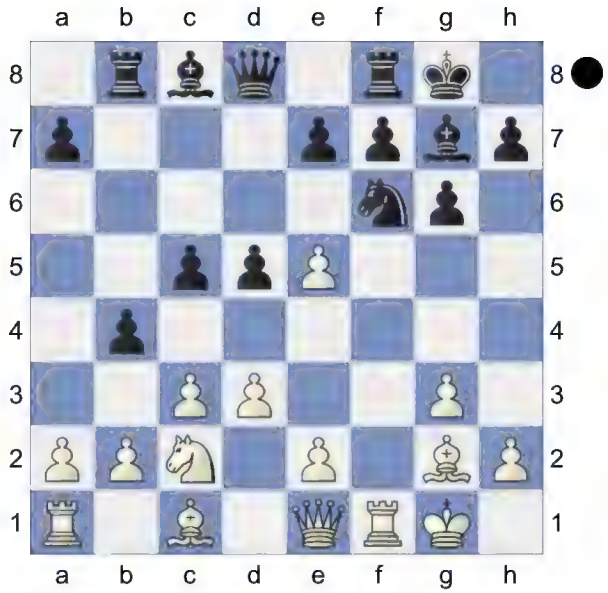
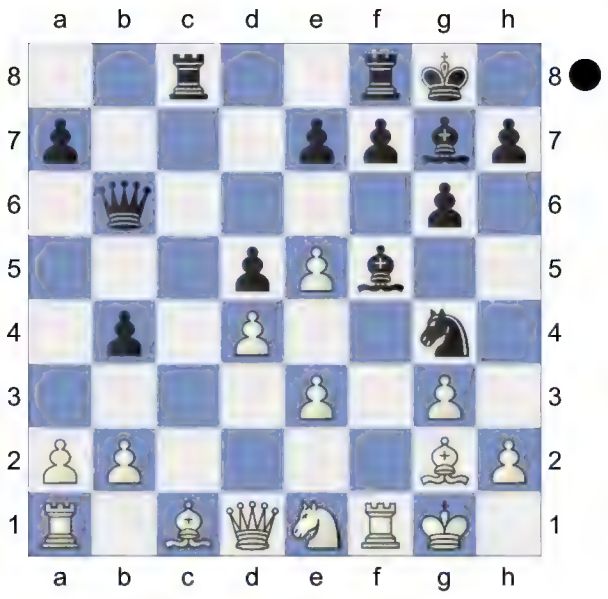


Ng4 13.cxb4 -1.26/20
[13.d4∓ -0.70/19]
13...cxb4 -0.70/20
[13...Bxe5 14.bxc5 Bxb2 15.Bxb2 Rxb2 16.Qc3±]
[13...Qb6∓ -1.26/20 14.h3 cxb4+ Discovered Attack (Check) *(14...Nxe5 15.Qf2∓)* 15.d4 Nxe5]
14.d4∓ Qb6 15.e3 Bf5 16.Qd1 -1.23/19
[16.Qe2∓ -0.59/19]
16...Rbc8∓ 17.Ne1 -2.80/22
[17.h3∓ -1.10/19 was necessary. Bxc2 *(17...Nxe5 18.Rxf5 gxf5 19.dxe5∓)* 18.Qxg4]

(Diagram)



17...Bh6!-+ 18.Rf4 Bxf4 19.gxf4 Qe6 20.Bd2 f6 21.Qb3 Rc4 -1.17/20
[21...fxe5? 22.Bxd5+- *(22.Bxb4? e4-+)*]
[21...Rfd8-+ -2.19/20 22.Nd3 Bxd3 23.Qxd3 Rb8]
22.Nd3 -1.96/19
[22.Rc1∓ -1.17/20 Rfc8 23.Rxc4 Remove Defender dxc4 *(23...Rxc4 24.Bf1∓)* 24.Qxb4]
22...fxe5 -1.28/20
[22...a5-+ -1.96/19 23.Nc5 Qf7]
23.dxe5? -4.50/20
[23.Nxb4∓ -1.28/20 e4 *(23...exd4? 24.Bxd5* Pin, Double Attack *Kg7 25.Bxe6+-)* 24.Bf1]
23...a5 24.Ne1 Be4 25.Bh3 -7.13/20
[⌓25.h3 -4.61/18 Nxe5 26.fxe5]
25...h5 26.a3 -7.70/19
[⌓26.Bg2 -4.98/18]
26...Qb6 27.axb4 Rxf4 28.Qa4 Rf8 29.Qxa5 Qe6 (-> ...Qe6-f7!). White is weak on the light squares **30.Ng2 Bxg2?** -2.42/19
[30...Qxe5 -11.46/20 31.Bxg4 Bxg2 *(31...hxg4? 32.Bc3-+)*]
31.Bxg2 Qxe5 -0.45/21
[31...Nxe5? 32.Bxd5+-]
[31...Kh7-+ -2.59/22 32.Qxd5 Qxd5 *(32...Qxe5 33.Qxe5 Nxe5 34.Bc3∓)* 33.Bxd5 Rc2]
32.Qxd5+∓ e6 33.Qxe5 Nxe5 34.Bc3 Nf3+ 35.Kh1 g5 -0.12/21
[Better is 35...Nh4∓ -0.79/21 and ...Nh4xg2 would now be decisive 36.Bf1 Rcc8]
36.b5= Hoping for Ra1-a7. **36...g4 37.Ra6** -1.41/22
[37.b6 Rb8 38.Bxf3 gxf3∓]
[37.Bf1!= -0.01/20 Rc5 38.Be2]
37...Rd8
Weighted Error Value: White=1.12/ Black=0.67
½-½

64 **A03**
□ **Nakamura,Hikaru** **2741**
■ **Caruana,Fabiano** **2709**
VI World Blitz (4.9) 16.11.2010
[Kitty Kat]

A03: Bird's Opening with 1...d5
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1.f4 d5 2.Nf3 Nf6 3.g3 g6 4.Bg2 Bg7 5.0-0 0-0 6.d3 b6 7.c3
[7.e4 dxe4 8.dxe4 Nxe4 9.Ng5 Nxg5 10.Qxd8 Nh3+ 11.Kh1 Rxd8 12.Bxa8 c6 13.Kg2 h6 14.Nc3 g5 15.Be3 g4 16.Rfd1 Re8 17.Bd4 f6 18.a4 e5 19.fxe5 fxe5 20.Be3 Bf5 21.a5 b5 1-0 (47) Kamsky,G (2655)-Bacrot,E (2662) Julius Baer Play In Match rapid 2023 (1.3)]
7...Bb7 8.Nbd2N
[8.Qe1 Nbd7 9.h3 Re8 10.Nh4 e5 11.f5 Nf8 12.Na3 h6 13.fxg6 fxg6 14.Nc2 Kh7 15.Bd2 Ne6 16.Kh2 Rf8 17.Rd1 Qe7 18.c4 c5 19.cxd5 Nd4 20.Rc1 Nxc2 21.Rxc2 e4 22.b4 Bxd5 0-1 (48) Brethes,F (2119)-

Almasi,Z (2640) Corsica Masters Open 2005 (2) 23.bxc5 bxc5 24.Be3 Rac8 25.Qc1 exd3 26.exd3 Bxg2 27.Nxg2 Nd5 28.Rxf8 Bxf8 29.Rc4 Nxe3 30.Nxe3 Rd8 31.Re4 Qd7 32.Qf1 Bg7 33.Ng2 Qxd3 34.Qf4 Rf8 35.Qg4 Rf2 36.Re7 Qd5 37.Qe4 Qxe4 0-1 (48) Brestian,E (2465)-Fauland,A (2450) AUT-ch playoff 1989 (1)]

[8.Na3 c5 9.Nc2 Nc6 10.h3 Qc7 11.Qe1 e5 12.fxe5 Nxe5 13.Nxe5 Qxe5 14.Bf4 Qe6 15.g4 Rfe8 16.e3 Ba6 17.Qd2 Rac8 18.Rae1 Nd7 19.e4 d4 20.c4 Ne5 21.b3 b5 22.Bxe5 Bxe5 ½-½ (28) Chistiakova,T (2464)-Schjelderup Ebbe,D (2104) EU-Cup 14th final 1999 (5)]

8...c5 9.Qc2 Nc6 10.e4 Black is slightly better. **10...d4 11.Re1 Rc8** -0.07/18

[11...Ng4∓ -0.54/17 12.e5 Ne3 13.Rxe3 dxe3]

12.c4 e5 13.Bh3 -1.34/20

[13.Nxe5= -0.07/18 Nxe5 14.fxe5]

13...Rc7? 0.22/19

[13...exf4∓ -1.34/20 14.e5 Nh5]

14.f5 -0.40/17

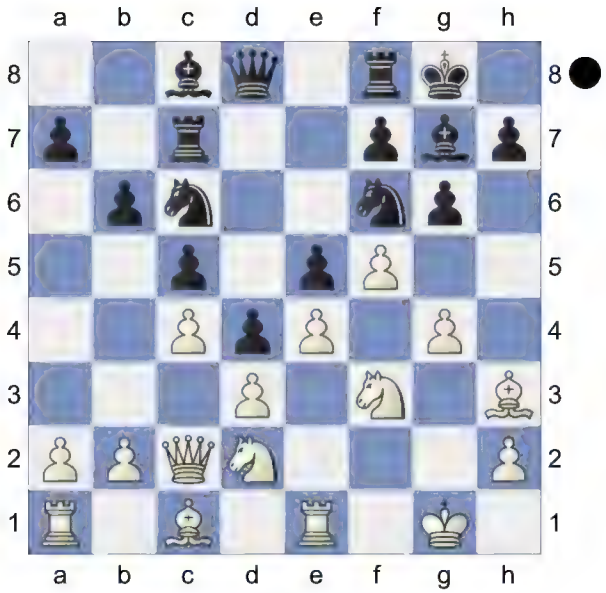
[14.fxe5 Ne8=]

[14.Nxe5= 0.22/19 Nxe5 15.fxe5]

14...Bc8∓ 15.g4 -1.30/19

[15.Nf1= -0.10/19]

(Diagram)



15...Ne8 0.07/20

[Black should try 15...h5!∓ -1.30/19 16.gxh5 Nxh5]

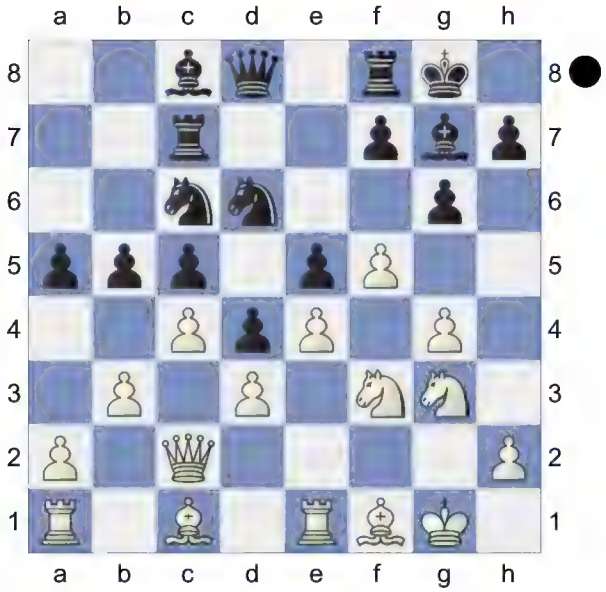
16.Nf1!= Nd6 17.Ng3 b5 0.73/18

[17...f6= 0.07/18 remains equal.]

18.b3 0.30/17

[18.cxb5± 0.73/18 Nb4 *(18...Nxb5 19.Qxc5 Ba6 20.Bd2±)* 19.Qb3]

18...a5 19.Bf1



a4! 20.h4

[20.cxb5 Nb4]

20...Bd7 0.57/17

[20...h5= -0.02/17 21.gxh5 bxc4

(21...gxf5 22.cxb5 Ne7 23.h6±) 22.bxc4 gxf5]

21.h5±

[21.bxa4 bxc4 22.dxc4 Nb4-+]

21...Ra7 1.68/18

[21...Qa8± 0.41/15]

22.Bd2? -0.22/18

[Better is 22.cxb5+- 1.68/18 Nxb5 23.hxg6 *(23.bxa4 Nc3±)*]

22...Nb4= 23.Qb2 Qa8 0.72/18

[23...gxf5= -0.27/18 24.h6 Bf6 *(24...fxg4 25.hxg7 Re8 26.Bxb4±; 24...a3 25.Qc1=)*]

24.a3 Nc6 25.bxa4 -0.71/18

Weighted Error Value: White=0.47/ Black=0.50

Loss on time!?

[25.cxb5± 0.48/18 keeps the upper hand. Nxb5 26.bxa4]

1-0

65 **A03**

□ **Golovchenko,Gleb** **2442**

■ **Zienkiewicz,Jan** **2559**

(m/1) 100/177 (8) 11.04.2023

[Kitty Kat]

A03: Bird's Opening with 1...d5

1.f4 d5 2.Nf3 Nf6 3.g3 g6 4.Bg2 Bg7 5.0-0 0-0 6.d3 c5 7.Nc3 Nc6 8.e4 dxe4 9.dxe4 Qxd1 10.Rxd1 Bg4 0.82/20

[10...e5= 0.13/20 remains equal.]

11.e5!± Nd7N

[11...Ne8 12.Be3 *(12.h3 Be6 13.Be3 Nb4 14.Bxc5 Na6 15.Bxe7 Nec7 16.Bxf8 Bxf8 17.Nd4 Bc5 18.Kh2 Rb8 19.Nxe6 Nxe6 20.Ne4 Bf8 21.Nf6+ Kg7 22.c3 Nac5 23.Rd2 Be7 24.Nd5 Bd8 25.Rad1 h5 26.b4 Na4* Golovchenko,G (2442)-Esen,B (2414) Enghien les Bains 2023 Chess Today CT-735 [John Watson] 1-0 (47)*)* 12...b6 13.h3 Bxf3 14.Bxf3 Rc8 15.Rd7 Nb4 16.Rc1 Rc7 17.Rd2 f6 18.a3 Nc6 19.Bd5+ Kh8 20.Nb5 Rc8 21.Bxc6 Rxc6 22.Nxa7 Re6 23.Re1 fxe5 24.Bf2 Nd6 25.b3 e4 26.Rde2 Galchenko,M (2442)-Mamedov,E (2281) Chess.com INT 2023 0-1 (45) Bc3 27.Rd1 Ra8 28.Nc6 Nf5 29.Nd8 Rf6 30.Rxe4 Nd6 31.Rxd6 exd6 32.Re8+ Kg7 33.Ne6+ Rxe6 34.Rxe6 Rxa3 35.Rxd6 Ra1+ 36.Kg2 Ra2 37.Rxb6 Rxc2 38.Kf3 c4 39.Rb7+ Kf6 40.bxc4 Ke6 41.Rxh7 Golovchenko, G (2442)-Mendes,J (2281) Enghien les Bains 2023 Chess Today CT-735 [John Watson] 0-1 (45)]

12.Be3 Against Nd4. White is better.

12...Rfd8

[12...Rac8 1.11/19 12...Bf5 0.76 13.a3 0.17/18 *(13.h3± 1.11/19 Bxf3 14.Bxf3)* 13...b6 1.11/20 *(13...Nb6=* 0.17/18 keeps the balance.*)* 14.Rd2 0.65/19 *(14.h3± 1.11/20 Bxf3 15.Bxf3)* 14...Ndb8± 15.h3 Bxf3 16.Bxf3 Rcd8 17.Rad1 Rxd2 18.Rxd2 Rd8]

13.h3 Bxf3 1.42/21

[Black should play 13...Bf5 1.08/19]

14.Bxf3 Rac8 15.Rd2! Black must now prevent Bxc6. **15...Kf8** 1.79/19

[15...Nb6± 1.39/20 keeps fighting.]

16.Rad1+- Ke8 2.15/20

[⌓16...Nb6 1.79/21 17.Rxd8+ *(17.Bxc5 Rxd2 18.Rxd2 Bxe5±)* 17...Rxd8 18.Rxd8+ *(18.Bxc5 f6±)* 18...Nxd8 19.Bxc5 f6]

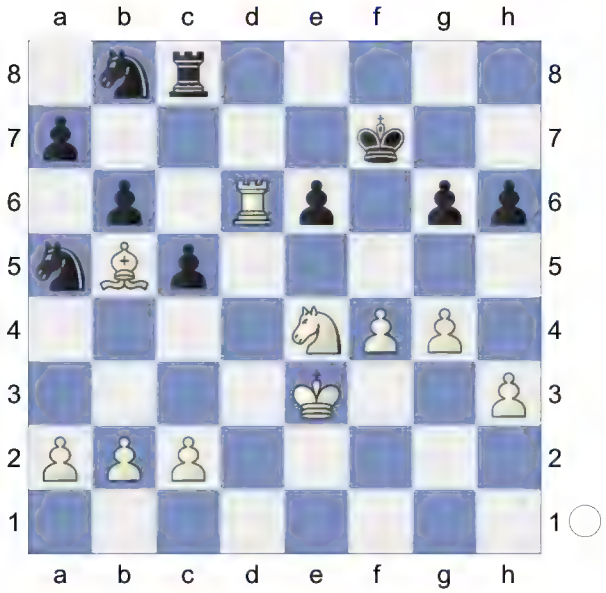
17.Ne4 b6 2.19/21

[17...Nd4± 1.57/19 18.Bg2 *(18.Bxd4 cxd4 19.Rxd4 Nf8±)* 18...b6]

18.e6 0.79/21

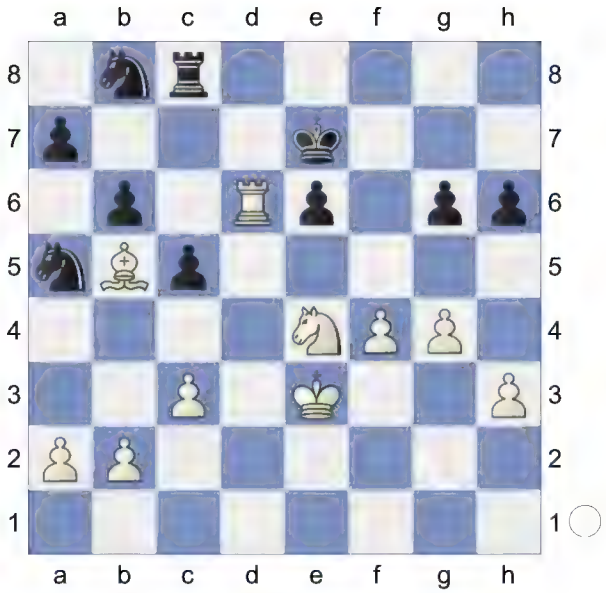
[18.Ng5+- 2.19/21 is more deadly.]

18...fxe6± 19.Ng5 Ndb8 1.59/22
[Better is 19...Bd4!± 0.41/21 20.Kf2 *(20.Bxd4 Nxd4 21.Bb7 Rb8±)* 20...Nf6]
20.Nxe6 Rxd2 21.Rxd2 0.19/21
[21.Nxg7+± 1.15/21 Kf7 22.Rxd2 *(22.Bxd2 Kxg7 23.Be4 Rd8±)* 22...Kxg7 23.c3]
21...Kf7? 2.87/23
[21...Bxb2= 0.19/21 22.Bg4 Na5]
22.Bg4 Rh8 23.Ng5+ Kf6 24.Be2 h6 25.Ne4+ Kf7 26.Bc4+ e6 27.Rd6 0x0.001c527d0e92dp-1022s more active pieces. **27...Re8 28.g4 Bd4** 2.18/22
[28...Bxb2± 1.28/20 29.c3 Na5]
29.Kf2 1.14/25
[29.Bxd4+- 2.18/22 cxd4 30.a3]
29...Bxe3+ 30.Kxe3 Na5 31.Bb5 Rc8 2.57/24
[31...Rf8± 1.08/22 32.Rd1 Nbc6]

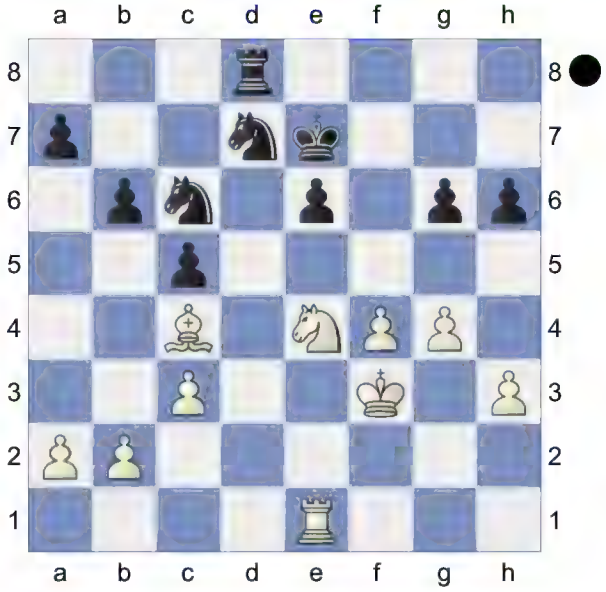


32.c3 1.29/22
[32.Rxb6!!+- 2.57/24 Hoping for Nd6+. Ke7 33.Rd6]
32...Ke7

(Diagram)



33.Rd1 1.25/20
[⌓33.h4! 0.81/21]
33...Nac6 34.Re1 1.09/20
[White should try 34.h4 1.49/21]
34...Rd8 1.43/20
[⌓34...Rf8 1.09/20]
35.Bc4 0.86/21
[⌓35.h4 1.43/20]
35...Nd7 36.Kf3? -1.29/23
[36.h4± 0.99/21 and life is bright.]



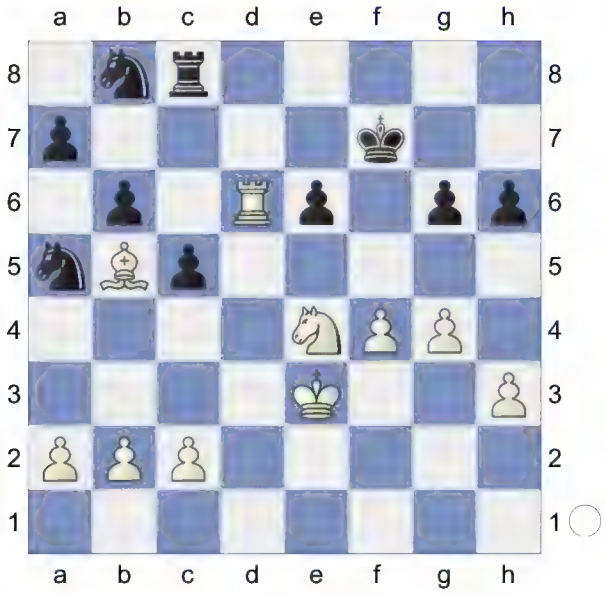
36...Nf8? 1.09/20
[36...Nde5+!∓ -1.29/23 stays on

course. 37.fxe5 Nxe5+ 38.Kf2 Nxc4]
37.Ng3 0.70/20
[37.b3± 1.09/20]
37...Kf7 38.f5 gxf5 1.98/23
[38...Rd6± 1.01/20]
39.gxf5+- Kf6 Strongly threatening ... Ne5+. **40.fxe6 Re8?** 5.30/23
[40...Ne5+± 1.60/22 is a better chance. 41.Rxe5 Kxe5]
41.Nh5+ Kg6 8.58/23
[⌓41...Ke7 5.13/22 42.Bb5 Rc8]
42.Nf4+ Kf6 43.Kg3 Ne5 44.Nh5+ Kg6 45.Rxe5 Nh7 46.Bd3#
Weighted Error Value: White=0.54/ Black=0.86
1-0

66 **A03**
□ **Galchenko,Matvey** **2442**
■ **Kaidanov,Gregory** **2559**
Titled 1. Apr Early (8) 11.04.2023
[Kitty Kat]

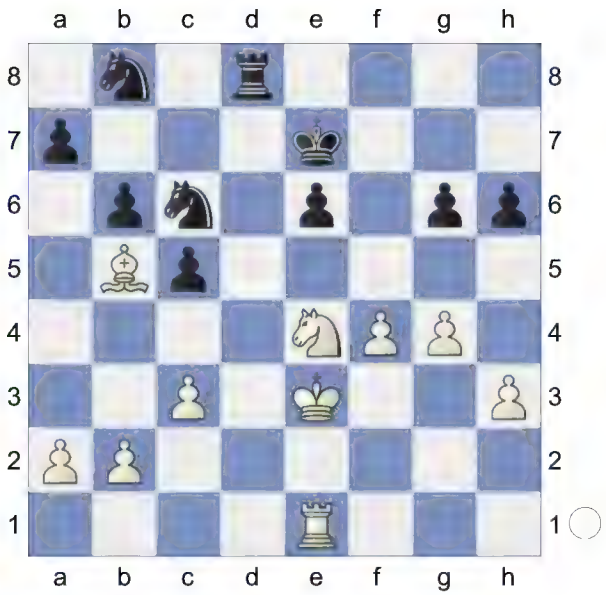
A03: Bird's Opening with 1...d5
1.f4 d5 2.Nf3 Nf6 3.g3 g6 4.Bg2 Bg7 5.0-0 0-0 6.d3 c5 7.Nc3 Nc6 8.e4 dxe4 The main line 8...dxe4 scores better than 8...d4.Die Hauptvariante 8...dxe4 punktet besser als 8...d4. **9.dxe4 Qxd1 10.Rxd1 Bg4** 0.80/22
[10...e5!= 0.04/21]
11.e5± Nd7N
[11...Ne8 12.Be3 *(12.h3 Be6 13.Be3 Nb4 14.Bxc5 Na6 15.Bxe7 Nec7 16.Bxf8 Bxf8 17.Nd4 Bc5 18.Kh2 Rb8 19.Nxe6 Nxe6 20.Ne4 Bf8 21.Nf6+ Kg7 22.c3 Nac5 23.Rd2 Be7 24.Nd5 Bd8 25.Rad1 h5 26.b4 Na4* Golovchenko,G (2442)-Esen,B (2414) Enghien les Bains 2023 Chess Today CT-735 [John Watson] 1-0 (47)*)* 12...b6 13.h3 Bxf3 14.Bxf3 Rc8 15.Rd7 Nb4 16.Rc1 Rc7 17.Rd2 f6 18.a3 Nc6 19.Bd5+ Kh8 20.Nb5 Rc8 21.Bxc6 Rxc6 22.Nxa7 Re6 23.Re1 fxe5 24.Bf2 Nd6 25.b3 e4 26.Rde2 Galchenko,M (2442)-Mamedov,E (2281) Chess.com INT 2023 0-1 (45)]
12.Be3 Inhibits Nd4. White is better.
12...Rfd8N 1.19/21
[Predecessor: 12...Rac8 13.a3 0.06/21 *(13.h3± 1.02/21 Bxf3 14.Bxf3)* 13...b6 1.07/21 *(13...Nb6!= 0.06/21* keeps the balance.*)* 14.Rd2 0.75/20 *(⌓14.h3 1.07/21 Bxf3 15.Bxf3)* 14...Ndb8 15.h3 Bxf3 16.Bxf3 Rcd8 17.Rad1 Rxd2 18.Rxd2 Rd8 1-0 (51) Mertens,G (1893)-Gerhardt,P (2020) Freudenstadt 2015]
[⌓12...Bh6 0.87/20]
13.h3± Bxf3 14.Bxf3 Rac8 15.Rd2 Hoping for Bxc6. **15...Kf8** 1.98/22
[15...Nb6± 1.37/20 was necessary.]
16.Rad1+- Ke8 17.Ne4 b6 18.e6 0.88/23
[18.Ng5+- 2.07/21]
18...fxe6± 19.Ng5 Ndb8 1.69/25
[19...Bd4!± 0.51/23 20.Kf2 *(20.Bxd4 Nxd4 21.Bb7 Rb8±)* 20...Nf6]
20.Nxe6 1.19/24
[20.c3+- 1.69/25]
20...Rxd2 21.Rxd2 0.44/21
[21.Nxg7+± 1.17/23 Kf7 22.Rxd2 *(22.Bxd2 Kxg7 23.Be4 Rd8±)* 22...Kxg7 23.c3]
21...Kf7? 2.73/24
[21...Bxb2± 0.44/21 22.Bg4 Na5]
22.Bg4 Rh8 23.Ng5+ Kf6 24.Be2 h6 25.Ne4+ Kf7 26.Bc4+ e6 27.Rd6 Re8 28.g4 Strongly threatening Bb5.
28...Bd4 2.17/23
[28...Bxb2± 1.22/22 29.c3 Na5]

29.Kf2 1.17/24
[White should try 29.Bxd4+- 2.17/23 cxd4 30.a3]
29...Bxe3+ 30.Kxe3 aiming for Rxc6!
30...Na5 31.Bb5 Rc8 2.53/24
[31...Rf8± 1.30/21 keeps fighting. 32.Rd1 Nbc6]

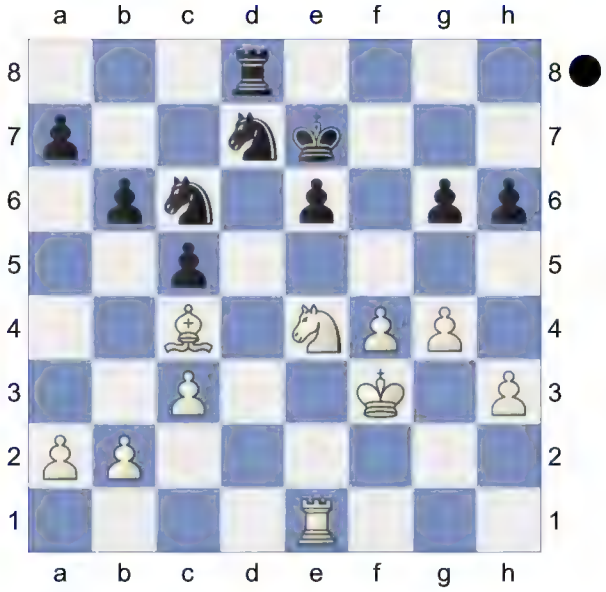


32.c3 1.28/23
[32.Rxb6!!+- 2.53/24 Ke7 33.Rd6]
32...Ke7 33.Rd1 &Bianco is more active. **33...Nac6 34.Re1** 1.14/20
[⌓34.h4 1.56/20]
34...Rd8

(Diagram)



35.Bc4 0.88/21
[White should play 35.h4! 1.21/19]
35...Nd7 36.Kf3? -1.48/23
[36.h4± 1.06/21]



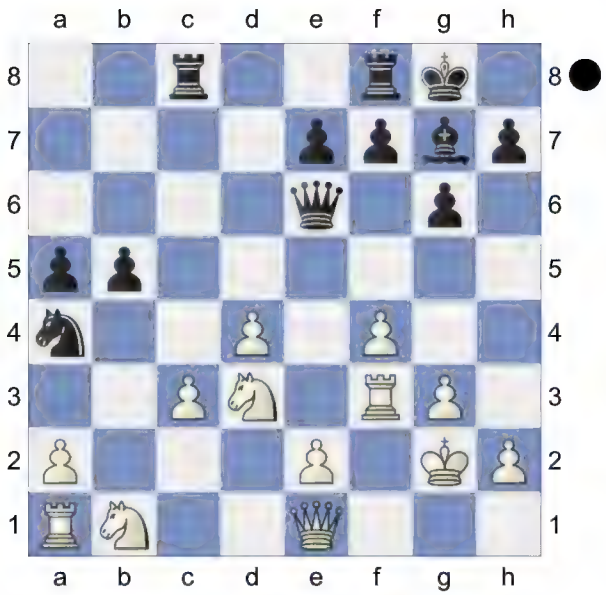
36...Nf8? 0.97/20
[36...Nce5+!∓ -1.48/23 stays on course. 37.fxe5 Nxe5+ 38.Kg2 Nxc4]
37.Ng3 0.58/21
[Better is 37.h4± 0.97/20]
37...Kf7 0.98/21
[37...Rd2± 0.58/21]

38.f5 0.57/20
[38.h4± 0.98/21]
38...gxf5 1.67/24
[38...Rd6± 0.57/20]
39.gxf5+- Kf6 40.fxe6 Threatens to win with Nh5+. **40...Re8?** 5.18/23
[40...Ne5+± 1.49/20 is a better chance. 41.Rxe5 Kxe5]
41.Nh5+ Kg6 8.33/24
[⌓41...Ke7 5.05/23 42.Bb5 Rc8]
42.Nf4+ Kf6 43.Kg3 Ne5 44.Nh5+ Kg6 45.Rxe5 Nh7 46.Bd3#
Weighted Error Value: White=0.49/ Black=0.80
1-0

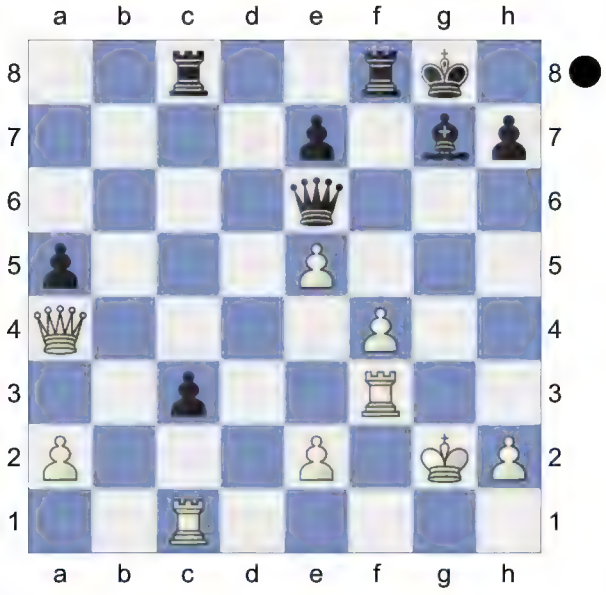
67 **A03**
□ **Muzychuk,Anna** **2545**
■ **Hou,Yifan** **2673**
SportAccord Blitz w 2014 (19.6)
[Kitty Kat]

A03: Bird's Opening with 1...d5
1.f4 d5 2.Nf3 c6 3.g3 Nf6 4.Bg2 g6 5.0-0 Bg7 6.d3 0-0 7.Qe1 d4N
[7...Nbd7 8.e4 dxe4 9.dxe4 e5 10.Nc3 Re8 11.Kh1 h6 12.f5 Qe7 13.fxg6 fxg6 14.Nh4 Nf8 15.Be3 Kh7 16.h3 Be6 17.Rd1 Bc4 18.Rf2 Ne6 19.b3 Ba6 20.Rfd2 b6 21.Qg1 Nd4 22.Qe1 (24) 10.g4 h6 11.Bd3-5... Be7 6.Nf3 O-O #5 Hoogovens Wijk aan Zee 1985 Rad8 23.Nb1 Nh5 24.g4 Unusual Openings Bird-1.f4 d5 2.g3 g6 Survey 2004]
8.Na3 Nd5 9.Nc4 b5 0.40/19
[9...a5= -0.10/16]
10.Na3 -0.63/18
[10.Na5± 0.40/19]
10...Nd7∓ 11.Bd2 -0.88/18
[11.e4∓ -0.43/17 dxe3 12.c4]
11...Nc5 0.09/20
[11...a5∓ -0.88/18]
12.c3= dxc3 13.bxc3 Qa5 14.Nb1 -0.69/19
[14.Nc2= -0.16/19]
14...Na4 -0.18/17 Black is much more active. The white rooks are passive.
[14...Nb3∓ -0.69/19 15.axb3 Qxa1]
15.Ne5 Qb6+ 16.Kh1 -0.55/17
[16.Qf2= -0.09/17 deserves consideration.]
16...Ne3 0.50/19
[16...Bxe5!∓ -0.55/17 17.fxe5 Ne3 18.Bxe3 Qxe3]
17.Bxe3± Qxe3 18.Nxc6 -1.00/21
[18.Bxc6= 0.27/19 Rb8 19.d4 Bxe5 20.Rf3 Bxf4 21.Rxe3 Bxe3 22.Na3]
18...Bb7∓ A strong pair of Bishops.
19.Nb4 -1.47/21
[White should try 19.Qf2 -0.91/20 Qe6 20.Nd4 Bxg2+ 21.Qxg2 Bxd4 22.cxd4]
19...Bxg2+ 20.Kxg2 Rac8 -1.42/19
[Black should try 20...a5-+ -1.88/19 21.Nd5 Qc5]
21.Rf3 -2.20/22
[21.a3∓ -1.42/19 keeps fighting.]
21...Qe6-+ Black has strong compensation. **22.d4 a5** Prevents a2-a3 **23.Nd3**

(Diagram)



b4! 24.Ne5 f6 25.Qd1? -5.25/21
[25.Nd3 -1.76/19 is tougher.]
25...fxe5 Black is clearly winning.
[25...Nxc3? 26.Nxc3 fxe5 *(26...bxc3? 27.d5-+; 26...Rxc3 27.d5∓)* 27.Ne4 exf4 *(27...exd4? 28.Qb3-+)* 28.Qb3 Qxb3 29.axb3-+]
26.dxe5 Nxc3 27.Nxc3 bxc3 28.Rc1 g5 29.Qa4 gxf4 30.gxf4

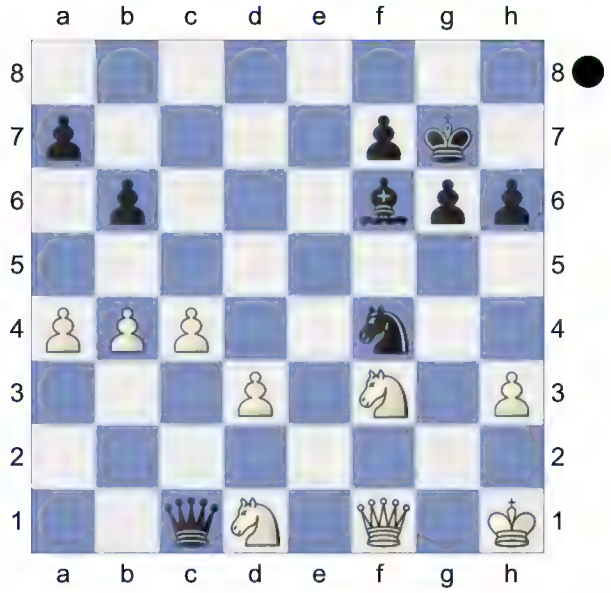


c2! Decoy **31.Rxc2**
[31.a3 Rfd8]
31...Qg6+
Weighted Error Value: White=0.91/Black=0.26 (precise)
0-1

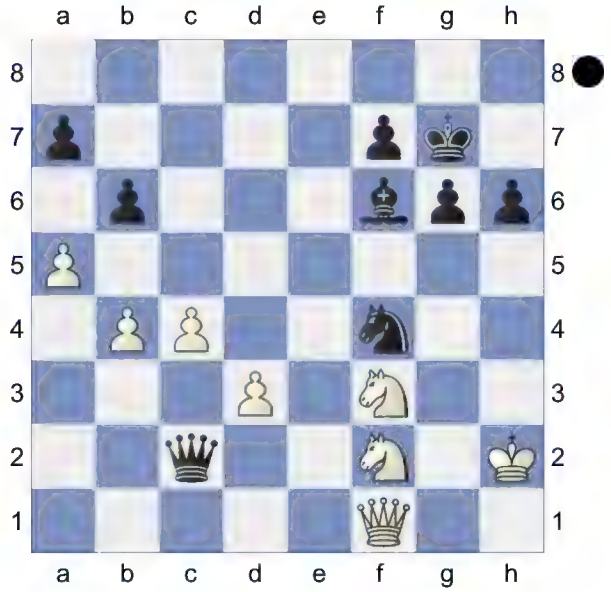
68 **A03**
□ **Galchenko,Matvey** **2442**
■ **Tan,Zhongyi** **2530**
Titled Tue 31. Jan Late (10) 31.01.2023
[Kitty Kat]

A03: Bird's Opening with 1...d5
1.f4 d5 2.Nf3 c5 3.g3 Nc6 4.Bg2 g6 5.0-0 Bg7 6.d3 Nf6 7.Nc3 d4 8.Na4 Nd7
[8...Qd6 9.e4 dxe3 10.Bxe3 Nd7 11.Nc3 Nd4 12.Ne4 Qb6 13.Rb1 0-0 14.c3 Nf5 15.Bf2 Qa5 16.g4 Nd6 17.Nfd2 Nf6 18.Nxf6+ Bxf6 19.Nb3 Qxa2 20.Nxc5 Qa5 21.h3 Qb5 22.Qe1 e6 23.c4 Balinski,D (2203)-Suarez Hernan,S (2098) Marl Roquetas de 2025 0-1 (57)]
9.c4 0-0
[9...Qc7 10.Bd2 a6 11.Rc1 0-0 12.a3 b6 13.b4 Bb7 14.Qb3 Rab8 15.Ng5 h6 16.Ne4 f5 17.bxc5 fxe4 18.cxb6 Qc8 19.c5+ Kh7 20.Bxe4 Nf6 21.Bg2 Qg4 22.Rce1 h5 23.e4 dxe3 24.Bxe3 Galchenko,M (2438)-Akhmedinov,S (2341) Chess,com INT 2024 1-0 (50)]
10.a3N 10.e4 is vanishing.10.e4 scheint zu verschwinden.
[10.e4 dxe3 11.Bxe3 Nd4 12.Rb1 Rb8 13.b4 Nxf3+ 14.Bxf3 cxb4 15.Rxb4 b6 16.d4 Nf6 17.Nc3 h5 18.d5 Ng4 19.Bd4 e5 20.fxe5 Nxe5 21.Bg2 Bg4 22.Qd2 Rc8 23.Nb5 a5 24.Rb3 Rxc4 Sethuraman,S (2758)-Wohl,R (2684) Hastings 1999 CBM 077 [Dressel] 0-1 (32)]
10...Rb8 11.b4 -0.80/21
[11.Bd2= -0.29/19]

11...b6 -0.28/20
[11...cxb4∓ -0.80/21 12.axb4 Nxb4]
12.Rb1 Qc7 13.e4 dxe3 14.Bxe3 Nd4N
[Predecessor: 14...Rd8 15.Re1 e6 16.bxc5 bxc5 17.Rxb8 Ncxb8 18.Qb3 Bb7 19.Rb1 Bc6 20.Nc3 Qb6 ½-½ Adorjan,A (2490)-Haag,E (2335) HUN-chT2 9899 1998]
15.Bxd4 cxd4 16.Qe2 Re8 17.Nb2 Bb7 18.Nh4 -1.01/20 Black continues to play with concentration.
[18.Nd2∓ -0.62/21]
18...Bxg2 19.Qxg2 -1.23/21
[⌓19.Nxg2 -0.87/22 e5 20.Qf3]
19...Nf6 -0.89/20
[⌓19...e5 -1.23/21 20.f5 e4]
20.h3 -1.92/23
[20.Qf3∓ -0.89/20]
20...e5-+ 21.fxe5 Rxe5
[Weaker is 21...Qxe5 22.g4∓]
22.Nf3 Re3 Threatens to win with ... Nh5. **23.Rbe1** -2.44/20
[⌓23.g4 -1.95/21]
23...Rbe8 24.Rxe3 -2.51/22
[⌓24.g4 -1.95/19]
24...dxe3
[24...Rxe3 25.Re1-+]
25.Re1 Nh5 26.Nd1 e2
[Inferior is 26...Nxg3 27.Nxe3 Qd6 28.Nc2 Rxe1+ 29.Nfxe1]
[Not 26...Qxg3 27.Qxg3 Nxg3 28.Rxe3∓]
27.Rxe2 Rxe2 28.Qxe2 Qxg3+ 29.Qg2 Qf4 30.Qf2 Qc1 31.Qe1 Nf4 -1.10/22
[31...Bf8-+ -2.38/20 has better winning chances. 32.Nf2 Qxa3]
32.Ng5? -4.79/23
[32.Nf2∓ -1.10/22 is a better chance.]
32...Bd4+ 33.Kh1 Kg7 34.Qf1 -5.78/24
[34.Nf3 -3.92/24 was necessary. Nxd3 35.Qe2 Nf2+ 36.Kg2 Nxd1 37.Nxd4]
34...h6 35.Nf3 Bf6 36.a4 -4.70/20
[36.Nh2 -3.27/22 keeps fighting.]

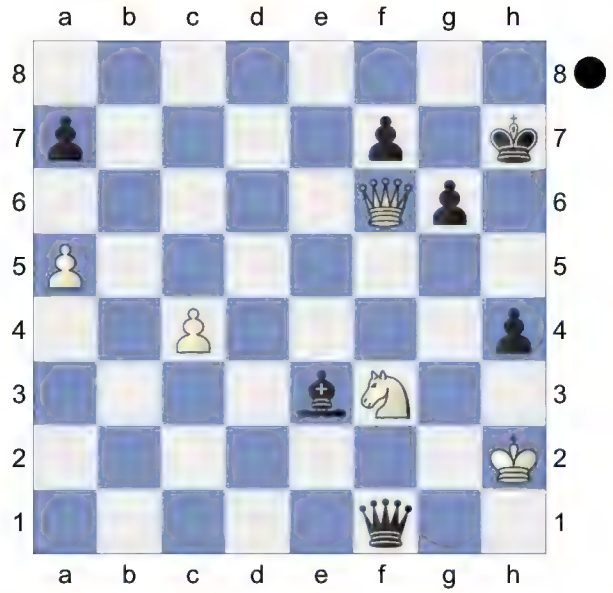


36...Nxh3! And now ...Qxd1! would win.
37.Kh2
[37.Qxh3 Qxd1+]
37...Nf4 38.a5 Qc2+ 39.Nf2



Nxd3! 40.Qxd3
[40.axb6 axb6]
40...Qxf2+ 41.Kh1 bxa5 42.bxa5 h5 Hoping for ...g5. **43.Nd2** -12.18/20
[⌓43.Qe4 -4.50/22]

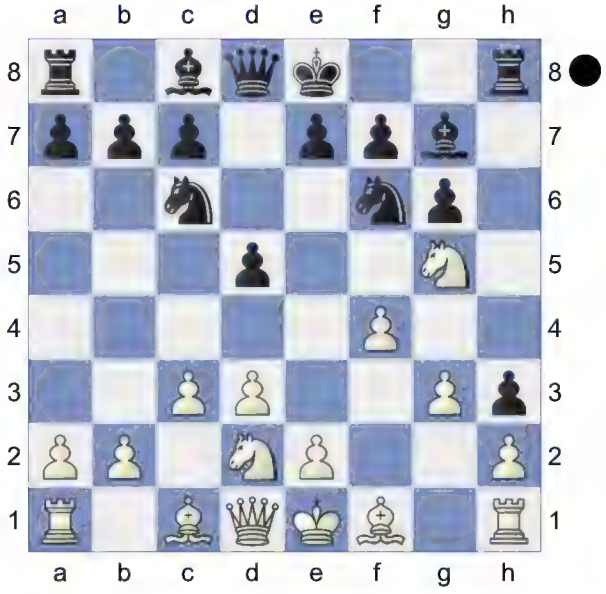
43...Bd4 44.Nf3 Inhibits Qg1+. **44...Be3 45.Qe4 Qf1+?** -3.36/5
[45...Kh6 -#10/22 mates 46.Qxe3+ Qxe3 47.Ng1 f5 48.Kg2 f4 49.a6 h4 50.c5 f3+ 51.Kf1 h3 52.Nxf3 Qxf3+ 53.Ke1 Qg2 54.Kd1 h2 55.Ke1 h1Q#]
46.Kh2 Qe2+ 47.Kh1 Qf1+? -0.01/5
[Better is 47...g5-+ -12.81/28 (-> ...Qf1+) 48.Qe5+ Kg6 49.Qd6+ Kh7]
48.Kh2= Qf2+? 0.01/20
[48...Bc1-+ -4.63/23 49.Qe5+ Kh7 50.Ng5+ Bxg5 51.Qxg5 Qxc4]
49.Kh1! h4 -10.75/27
[⌓49...Kh6 -#10/26 50.Qxe3+ Qxe3 51.Ng1 f5 52.Kg2 f4 53.a6 h4 54.c5 f3+ 55.Kf1 h3 56.Nxf3 Qxf3+ 57.Ke1 Qg2 58.c6 h2 59.Kd1 h1Q#]
50.Qe5+ Kh7 51.Qf6 Qf1+ 52.Kh2



Bg1+! 53.Kh1
[53.Nxg1 Qxf6]
53...Bf2+ 54.Kh2 Bg3#
Weighted Error Value: White=0.89/ Black=0.41
0-1

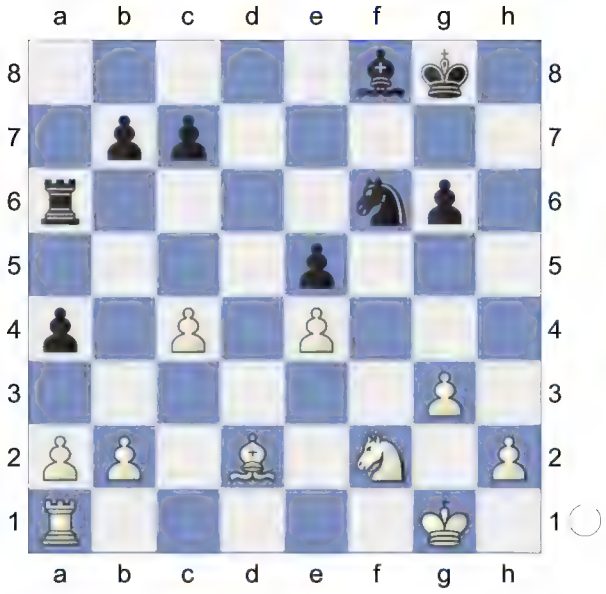
69 **A03**
□ **Gabuzyan,Hovhannes** **2537**
■ **Bartel,Mateusz** **2662**
Yerevan 120/160 2014
[Kitty Kat]

A03: Bird's Opening with 1...d5
1.f4 d5 2.g3 h5 3.Nf3 h4
[3...Bg4 4.Bg2 Nd7 5.Nc3 c6 6.d3 Ngf6 7.0-0 Qc7 8.e4 dxe4 9.dxe4 e5 10.h3 Bc5+ 11.Kh1 h4 12.Qe1 Bxf3 13.Rxf3 Nh5 14.gxh4 Nxf4 15.Bxf4 exf4 16.e5 Be3 17.Nd1 Nxe5 18.Rf1 Fahrner,K (2369)-Polzin, R (2464) Rethymno 2003 CBM 098 [Ftacnik,Lubomir] 0-1 (32)]
4.Bg2 h3N
[4...Nc6 5.Nxh4 e5 6.fxe5 Rxh4 7.gxh4 Qxh4+ 8.Kf1 Bh3 9.d3 Nxe5 10.Qd2 Bxg2+ 11.Kxg2 Qg4+ 12.Kf1 Qh3+ 13.Ke1 Qh4+ 14.Kd1 Ng4 15.Rf1 Nf2+ 16.Rxf2 Qxf2 17.Qe3+ Qxe3 18.Bxe3 Bd6 19.h4 Chapter-Games Game 1]
5.Bf1 g6 6.d3 Bg7 7.Nbd2 Nc6 8.c3 Black is slightly better. **8...Nf6 9.Ng5**



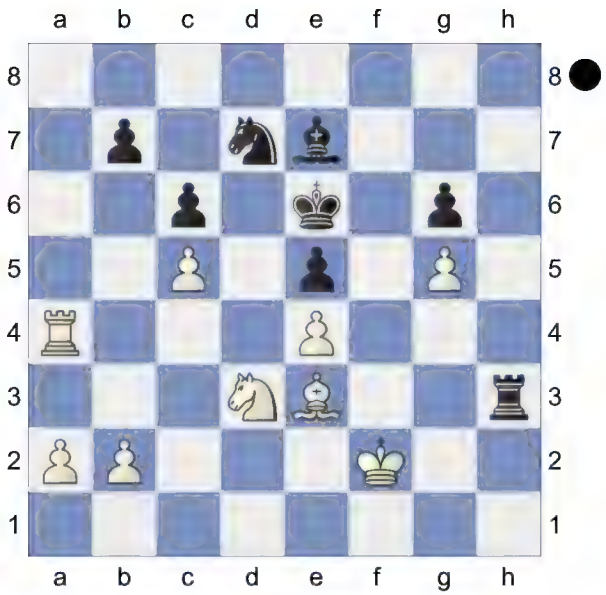
a5 -0.38/18
[9...e5!∓ -0.76/18]

10.Ndf3∓ a4 11.Ne5 Nxe5 12.fxe5 Ng4 13.e6 fxe6 14.Bxh3 e5 15.e4 Nf6 16.Bxc8 Qxc8 17.exd5 Nxd5 18.Qf3 0.21/20
[18.0-0± 0.53/20 was preferrable.]
18...Nf6= 19.0-0 0-0 20.Qe2 Ra5 21.Bd2 Qg4 22.Qxg4
[22.Rf3 is interesting. Rd8 23.Re1 Rad5 24.c4]
22...Nxg4 23.Rxf8+ Bxf8 24.c4 Against Rd5 **24...Ra6 25.Ne4** Inhibits Rd6. **25...Nf6 26.Nf2 e4 27.dxe4 e5** 1.05/21
[27...Bg7± 0.33/21]



28.Be3!± Kf7 29.Kf1 Ke6 30.Ke2 Be7 31.Rc1 Ra8 32.c5 c6 33.Rc4 Nd7 34.h4 Bf8 35.g4 Be7 36.g5 0.43/25
[36.h5± 0.79/23]
36...Rh8± 37.Nd3 And now Bf2 would win. **37...Rxh4 38.Rxa4 Rh2+ 39.Kf3 Rh3+ 40.Kf2**

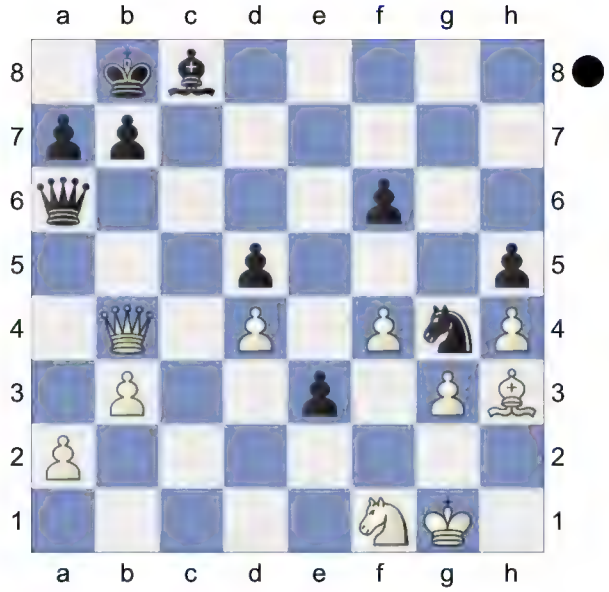
(Diagram)



Bxg5! 41.Bxg5 Strongly threatening Ra3. **41...Rxd3=** Endgame KRB-KRN **42.Be3** Threatens to win with Ke2. **42...Nf6** ...Ng4+ is the strong threat. **43.Ke2 Rd7 44.Rb4 Nh5! 45.a4** -0.70/23
[45.Kf3= -0.18/22]
45...Rf7 -0.01/22
[45...Nf4+∓ -0.70/23 46.Kf3 g5]
46.a5 The position is equal. **46...Nf4+ 47.Kd2! Rc7 48.Rb6 Kd7 49.b4 g5 50.Ke1 Ng2+ 51.Kf2 Nxe3 52.Kxe3** KR-KR **52...Kd8 53.a6 bxa6 54.Rb8+ Ke7 55.Kf3 a5 56.Kg4 axb4 57.Kf5 g4 58.Rxb4 Kf8 59.Rb8+ Kg7! 60.Kxg4** Hoping for Kf5. **60...Rf7 61.Rc8 Rf4+ 62.Kg5 Kf7 63.Rxc6 Ke7 64.Rh6 Rxe4 65.Kf5 Re1 66.Rh7+ Kd8 67.c6**
Weighted Error Value: White=0.05 (flawless) /Black=0.07 (flawless)
½-½

70 **A03**
□ **Karpov,Anatoly** **2668**
■ **Leko,Peter** **2738**
Miskolc m rapid (6) 02.09.2006
[Kitty Kat]

A03: Bird's Opening with 1...d5
1.f4 d5 2.b3 Bg4 3.g3N
[3.Bb2 Nc6 4.h3 Bh5 5.g4 e5 *(5...e6 6.Nf3 Bg6 7.e3 Nf6 8.Bb5 a6 9.Bxc6+ bxc6 10.Ne5 Nd7 11.Nxc6 Qh4+ 12.Ke2 h5 13.g5 Bf5 14.Qf1 Bxc2 15.Nd4 Be4 16.d3 Bxh1 17.Qxh1 Ne5 18.Nf5 exf5 19.Bxe5 Bb4 20.a3* Dearnley,A-Kelly, P corr BCCA 2008 1-0*)* 6.Bg2 Bg6 7.f5 Bxf5 8.gxf5 Qh4+ 9.Kf1 Qf4+ 10.Ke1 Be7 11.Nf3 e4 12.e3 Qg3+ 13.Kf1 exf3 14.Qxf3 Qxf3+ 15.Bxf3 Bf6 16.Bxf6 Nxf6 17.Rg1 g6 Gather,J (2475)-Webb,S (2655) email IECG 1997 Telechess CBM 107 [GM Simon Webb] 0-1 (70)]
3...Nd7 4.Bb2 c6 5.Bg2 e6 6.Nf3 Ngf6 7.0-0 Bd6 8.Ne5 Black has an edge. **8...Bf5 9.Nxd7 Qxd7 10.e3 h5 11.h3! 0-0-0 12.d3! Rde8 13.Qf3 Bh7** 0.07/20
[13...e5 -0.28/20 was preferrable. 14.fxe5 Rxe5]
14.Be5!= Qc7 15.Bxd6 Qxd6 16.Qf2 e5 17.Nd2 e4 18.d4 -0.82/23
[18.f5∓ -0.33/22]
18...Bf5∓ 19.c4 Qd7 20.h4! Ng4 21.Qe2 f6 22.cxd5 -1.13/22
[22.b4∓ -0.59/21]
22...cxd5 23.Rac1+ Kb8 24.Rc3 -1.53/23
[⌓24.Rc5 -1.06/22]
24...g5 25.Rfc1
[Of course not 25.fxg5 fxg5 26.hxg5 Rhg8∓]
25...gxf4 -0.68/22
[25...gxh4-+ -1.90/22 26.gxh4 Rhg8]
26.exf4∓ Rc8 27.Nf1 Rxc3 28.Rxc3 Rc8 29.Qe1 Qd6 30.Rxc8+ Bxc8 31.Bh3! Qa6 32.Qd2 Hoping for f5! **32...e3↑** Black is pushing. **33.Qb4** -9.41/25
[33.Nxe3= -0.01/27 Nxe3 34.Bxc8 Qf1+ 35.Kh2]



Loses the game. **33...e2-+** Black is clearly winning. **34.Nh2 Nxh2 35.Kxh2 Bxh3 36.Kxh3 Qe6+**
Weighted Error Value: White=0.39/ Black=0.17 (very precise) . An unexpected result.
½-½

71 **A02**
□ **Peng,Li Min** **2557**
■ **Fischer,Daniel** **2352**
BASEL Easter Festival | Masters (3)
[Kitty Kat]

A02: Bird's Opening
1.f4 Nh6 2.Nf3 d5 3.e3 g6 4.c4
[4.d4 Bg7 5.Bd3 Bf5 6.0-0 Bxd3 7.cxd3 c6 8.Nc3 0-0 9.Bd2 Nf5

10.g4 Nd6 11.a4 a5 12.Qb3 Na6 13.Nd1 e6 14.Nf2 c5 15.dxc5 Nxc5 16.Qa3 b6 17.Bc3 Rc8 18.Bxg7 Kxg7 Moroz,A (1926)-Maheswaran,P (2572) Heraklion 2023 CT-2292 [John Watson] 0-1 (48)]

4...dxc4 5.Bxc4 Bg7 6.d4 0-0N

[6...Nf5 7.Nc3 0-0 8.0-0 Nd7 9.Bd3 Nf6 10.Qe1 c5 11.Bxf5 Bxf5 12.dxc5 Bd3 13.Rf2 Qc7 14.Ne5 Rfd8 15.c6 bxc6 16.e4 Ba6 17.Be3 Nh5 18.Rd1 Nxf4 19.Nxc6 Qxc6 20.Rxf4 Bc4 21.Rc1 Hoffmann,H (2250)-Meissner,B (2305) Pforzheim 1998 EXT 2003 [ChessBase II] 0-1 (55)]

7.0-0

[7.Kf1 -0.70/19 7.0-0 0.17]

7...b6 8.Qe2 The position is equal.

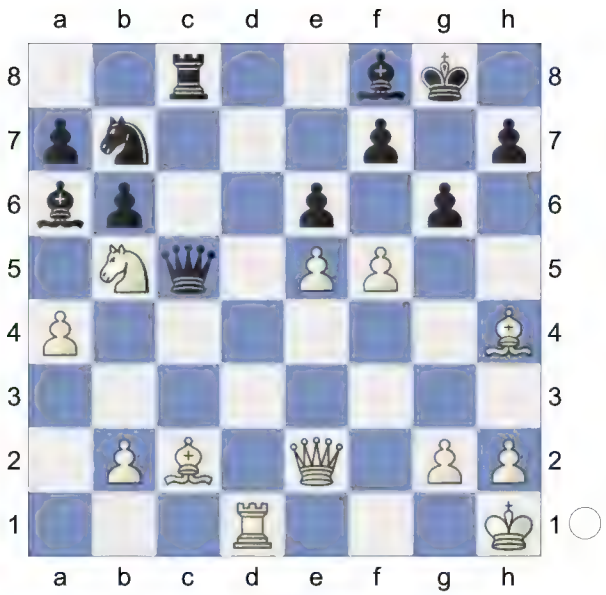
8...Bb7 9.Nc3 e6 10.Bd2 Nf5 11.Rad1 Nd7 12.Be1 Qc8 0.50/22

[12...Nd6= 0.11/22 is superior.]

13.e4± Nd6 14.Bd3 c5 15.e5 cxd4 16.Nxd4 Nc5 17.Bc2 Ba6 18.Ndb5 Nxb5 19.Nxb5 Rd8 20.Bh4 Rxd1 21.Rxd1 Threatening Rd8+. **21...Bf8 22.a4 Nb7 23.Kh1 Qc5 24.f5 Rc8** 0.39/22

[24...Qb4= -0.01/23 25.Qf2 Bxb5 26.fxg6 *(26.axb5 exf5 27.Qe1 Qc4∓)* 26...fxg6 27.axb5 Bg7]

(Diagram)



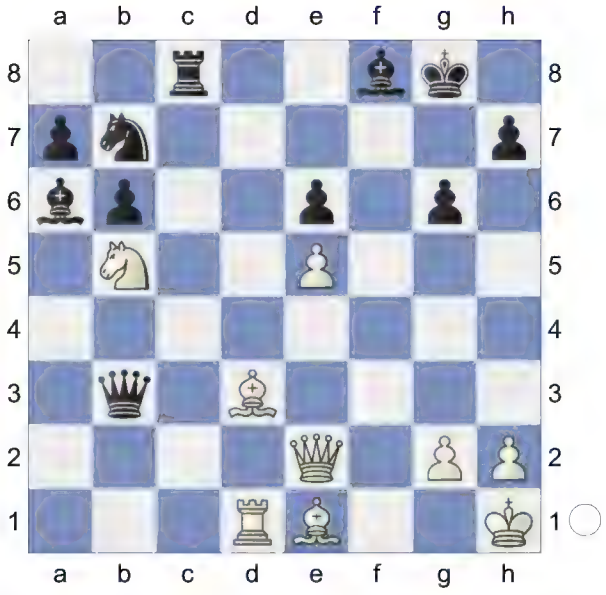
25.Bd3 -0.01/22

[25.fxe6!± 0.39/22 Qxc2 26.Qxc2 *(26.exf7+ Kg7∓)* 26...Rxc2 27.e7 Bxe7 28.Bxe7]

25...Qb4!= 26.Be1↑ White is pushing.

[Reject 26.Nxa7 Bxd3 27.Qxd3 Ra8 28.fxe6 Qxh4 29.exf7+ Kg7∓]

26...Qxa4 aiming for ...Nc5. **27.fxe6 fxe6 28.b3 Qxb3**



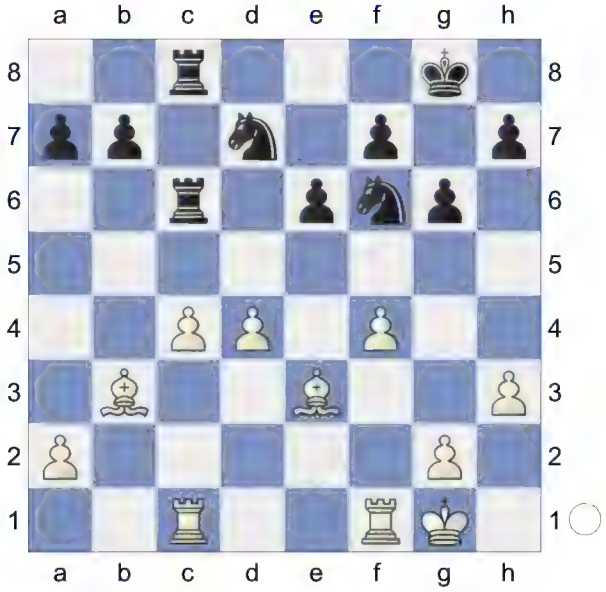
Strongly threatening ...Nc5. **29.Nd6! Nxd6** 1.11/20 White now steadily converts the win.

[29...Bxd3± 0.69/23 30.Rxd3 Qc2]

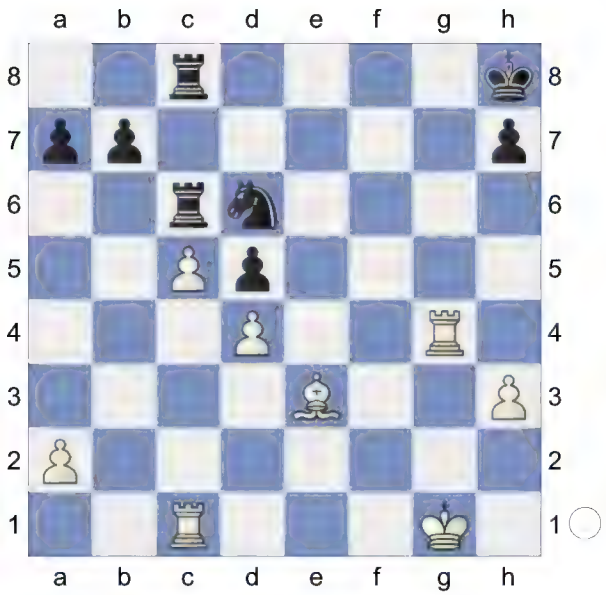
30.Bxa6± Rc2 31.Qd3 Qxd3 32.Bxd3 This bishop pair is nice. **32...Rc6** ...Nc4 is the strong threat. **33.exd6 Rxd6 34.Kg1 Rd5 35.Kf1 Bd6 36.h3 Bc5 37.Bc3 Kf7 38.Ke2 Ke7 39.Ra1 a5 40.Ra4** Against Bd4. &Bianco is more active. **40...Rd7** 1.95/21
[40...Rh5± 1.55/21 41.Rf4 Bd6]
41.Re4+- Kd6 42.Bc4 Re7 43.Bf6 Re8 44.Kd3 e5 3.09/24
[44...h5 2.17/20 might work better. 45.Bg7 Bg1 46.Be5+ Kc5]
45.Bb5 Re6 46.Bg7 Bd4 47.Re2 Kc7 48.Ke4 Re7 49.Rc2+ Kb7 50.Bf8 Rf7 51.Bd6 Bc5 52.Bxe5 Rf2 53.Rxf2 Bxf2 54.Kd5
Weighted Error Value: White=0.03 (flawless) /Black=0.18 (very precise)
1-0

72 **A03**
□ **Aleksandrov,A** **2535**
■ **Ulybin,Mikhail** **2443**
5. I Zilberstein Mem 2021 (11.13) 31.7.21
[Kitty Kat]

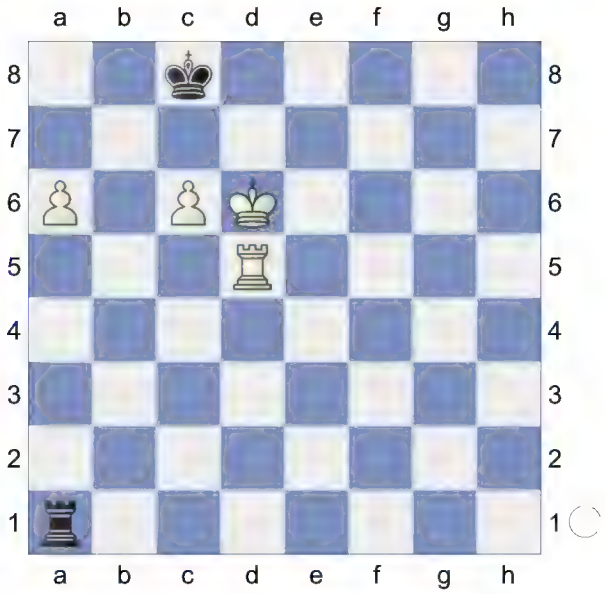
D00: 1 d4 d5: Unusual lines
1.f4 d5 2.Nf3 Bg4 3.e3 Nd7 4.d4
[4.h3 Bxf3 5.Qxf3 e6 6.b3 Ngf6 7.Bb2 Bd6 8.Nc3 c6 9.g4 h6 10.h4 Nb6 11.g5 Nfd7 12.Ne2 e5 13.Bh3 Qe7 14.0-0-0 Ba3 15.Bxd7+ Nxd7 16.Kb1 Bxb2 17.Kxb2 0-0-0 18.d4 exd4 0-1 (40) Yoo,E (2577)-MPP (2665) La 116/(70) Havana 2012 (17)]
4...Ngf6 5.h3 Bxf3 6.Qxf3 g6N
[6...Ne4 7.Nd2 Nxd2 8.Bxd2 e6 9.g4 c5 10.c3 h5 11.0-0-0 Qa5 12.Kb1 0-0-0 13.c4 Qb6 14.cxd5 hxg4 15.hxg4 Rxh1 16.Qxh1 cxd4 17.dxe6 Qxe6 18.f5 Qb6 19.exd4 Qxd4 20.Rc1+ Kb8 21.Bc3 ½-½ (38) Kjartansson,D (2224)-Fluvia Poyatos,J (2461) Catalunya vs Islandia m 2002 (2)]
7.c4 e6 8.Nc3 The position is equal. **8...Bb4 9.Bd3** Repels Nf6-e4 **9...c5 10.0-0 cxd4 11.exd4 dxc4 12.Bxc4 Rc8** Inhibits d4-d5. **13.Bb3 Qb6** 0.83/18
[13...Nb6= -0.01/19]
14.Be3± 0-0 15.Rac1 Bxc3 0.90/21
[15...Qa5± 0.53/19 might be stronger.]
16.bxc3 Qc6 17.Qxc6 0.49/20
[Better is 17.g4± 0.92/20]
17...Rxc6 0.94/20
[17...bxc6± 0.49/20 18.c4 c5]
18.c4 Rfc8



19.g4! Nb6? 2.53/20
[19...b6± 0.95/18 keeps fighting.]
20.f5+- gxf5 21.gxf5 Ne4? 5.27/19
[21...a5 2.32/19 22.fxe6 Discovered Attack Rxe6]
22.fxe6 fxe6 23.Rf4 Nd6 24.c5 2.28/22
[24.Rg4+ 5.88/21 Kf7 25.Rf1+ *(25.d5 Nxd5 26.Rf1+ Nf6±)* 25...Ke8 26.c5]
24...Nd5 25.Rg4+ Kh8 26.Bxd5 exd5



27.Rf1! Ne4 28.Rf7 Rg6? 4.17/22
Loses the game.
[28...b6± 1.53/21 29.Rxa7 Re6 30.cxb6 Rxb6]
29.Rxg6
[Much less strong is 29.Rxb7 Rcg8 30.Rxa7 Rxg4+ 31.hxg4 Rxg4+ 32.Kf1 Rg6+-]
29...hxg6 30.Rxb7 Endgame KRB-KRN. White is a pawn up. **30...a5 31.Bf4 Kg8 32.Be5 Kf8 33.Kg2 Ke8 34.Ra7 Rc6 35.Rxa5 Kd7 36.a4 Kc8 37.Ra7 Nd2 38.Kg3 Nc4 39.Kf4 Re6 40.Rc7+ Kd8** and ...Nc4xe5 should not be overlooked **41.Rb7 Kc8 42.Rg7 Nxe5 43.dxe5** KR-KR. White is two pawns up. **43...d4 44.Ke4 d3 45.Kxd3 Rxe5 46.Kc4**
[46.Rxg6 Rxc5 47.Rg4 Rd5+ 48.Ke3 Rh5±]
46...Rh5 12.21/26
[⌓46...Kb8 4.32/24 47.Rxg6 Rh5]
47.Rxg6? 2.38/29
[47.a5 12.21/26 White threatens a5-a6 and mate. Kb8 48.a6 *(48.Rxg6 Rxh3 49.Kb5 Rh1+-)* 48...Rh4+ 49.Kb5 Rxh3 50.c6 *(50.Rxg6 Rb3+ 51.Ka4 Rc3+-)*]
47...Rxh3? 7.95/31
[47...Kb7 2.38/29 48.Kb5 Rxh3 49.c6+ Kc7]
48.Rg7 Kb8 49.a5 Rh1 50.Kb5 Rb1+ 51.Kc6 Ra1 52.Rh7 Rc1 53.Rb7+ 5.27/24
[⌓53.Rh8+ 10.86/32 Ka7 54.Kd6]
53...Ka8 54.Rd7 Kb8 55.Re7 And now Re7-e5 would win. **55...Rc2 56.Re5 Rc1 57.Kd6 Rd1+ 58.Rd5 Rh1 59.c6 Kc8 60.a6 Ra1**

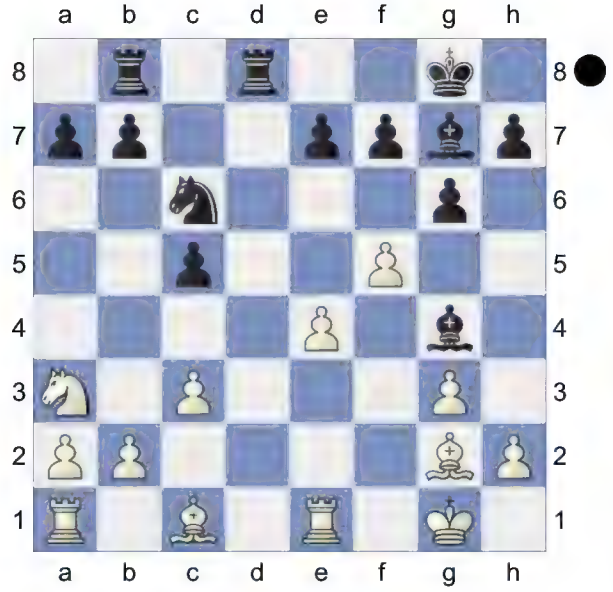


61.a7! Rxa7
[61...Ra4 62.Rh5]
62.Rh5
Weighted Error Value: White=0.25 (precise) /Black=0.45
1-0

73 **A03**
□ **Nakamura,Hikaru** **2741**
■ **Lahno,Kateri** **2522**
BNBank Gp1 Oslo NOR blitz (2) 27.11.10
[Kitty Kat]

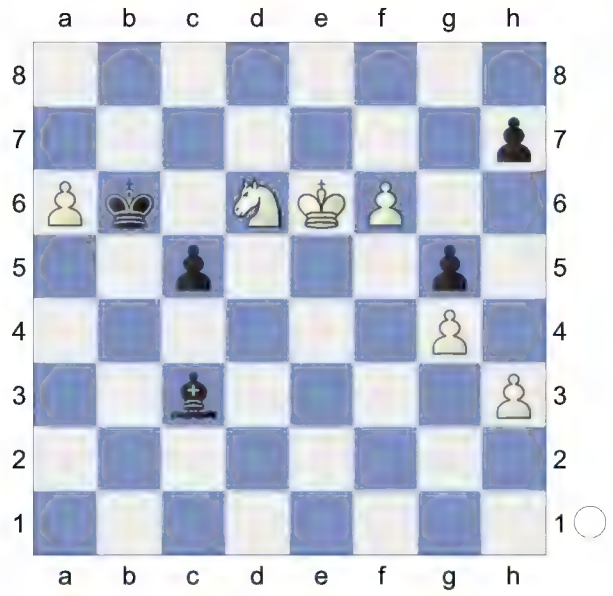
A03: Bird's Opening with 1...d5
James Vigus, MH: 'A03: Bird's Opening with 1...d5' **1.f4 Nf6 2.d3 d5 3.Nf3 g6**

4.g3 Bg7 5.Bg2 c5 6.c3 Nc6 7.0-0 0-0 8.Na3 Rb8 9.Ne5 Nd7N -0.08/21
[9...Qc7∓ -0.48/18 was preferable.
A) 10.Qa4 Nxe5 11.fxe5 Bd7 12.Qh4 Qxe5 13.Bf4 *(13.e4 dxe4 14.Bf4 Qe6 15.Bxb8 Rxb8 16.Qf4 Rc8 17.dxe4 Ng4 18.Bh3 h5 19.Nc2 Be5 20.Qg5 Bc6 21.Bxg4 hxg4 22.Ne3 Bf6 23.Qxg4 Qxe4 24.Qxe4 Bxe4 25.Rad1* Polar Bear-Rb8,B 2008*)* 13...Qxe2 14.Bxb8 Qxb2 7) 1.f4-1.f4 #17 Lifetime Repertoires: Sidelines and Fla 2024;
B) 10.Nxc6 Qxc6 11.Qc2 b5 12.e4 dxe4 13.dxe4 e5 14.f5 Bb7 15.Bg5 Nxe4 16.Rae1 Bird Leningrad Mainline-8...Rb8]
[9...Bf5 10.h3 Nxe5 11.fxe5 Nd7 12.d4 cxd4 13.cxd4 Qb6 14.Kh2 Rbd8 30. Bird 1.f4-Bird 1.f4 – 3.g3 #10]
10.Nxd7= Qxd7 11.e4 The position is equal. **11...dxe4 12.dxe4 Qxd1 13.Rxd1 Bg4 14.Re1 Rfd8 15.f5**



gxf5 16.h3 Bd1 1.64/21
[16...Rd1!± 0.47/19 17.Be3 *(17.Rxd1 Bxd1 18.Be3* Discovered Attack *Rd8=)* 17...Rxa1 18.Rxa1 Be2]
17.Bf4↑ White is on the roll. **17...e5 18.Bg5**
[18.Raxd1 exf4 19.gxf4 *(19.exf5 fxg3 20.Nc4 Rxd1∓)* 19...fxe4 20.Rxd8+ *(20.Bxe4 Bh6±)* 20...Rxd8 21.Rxe4 b6±]
18...f6 19.Raxd1 fxg5 20.exf5 Rxd1 2.07/21
[⌓20...Kf8 1.68/20 21.Nc4 Bf6 22.Rxd8+ Rxd8 23.Bxc6 bxc6 24.Nxe5 Bxe5 25.Rxe5 Rd2 26.Rxc5 Rxb2]
21.Rxd1 Rd8 22.Rd5 b6 2.26/22
[22...Kf7± 1.49/19 23.Rxd8 *(23.Rxc5 Ne7±)* 23...Nxd8]
23.Rxd8+ Nxd8 Endgame KBN-KBN **24.Bd5+ Kf8 25.Kf2 e4** 2.09/22
[25...Ke7± 1.58/20 26.Bg8 Nb7 27.Bxh7 Nd6]
26.Ke3
[26.Bxe4 Be5 27.Bd5 Ke7±]
26...Be5 27.g4
[Much worse is 27.Bxe4 Bxg3 28.Nb5 Bb8=]
27...Bf4+ 28.Kxe4 White is more active. **28...Bc1** 1.95/23
[28...Kg7± 1.57/23 29.b3 Kf6]
29.Nc4 b5 2.46/22
[29...Ke7 1.70/21 30.Bg8 b5]
30.Nd6 Bxb2 31.Nxb5 a6 32.Nc7 Bxc3 33.Nxa6 Bd4 4.03/24
[33...c4 2.87/21 was called for. 34.a4 *(34.Bxc4 Ke7+-)* 34...Ke7 35.Bxc4 Nc6]
34.a4 Hoping for a4-a5. **34...Ke7 35.Nc7 Bc3 36.Nb5 Bb4 37.Ke5 Nf7+?** 10.83/26
[37...Kd7 3.60/21 38.f6 h6]
38.Bxf7 Kxf7 KB-KN. White is a pawn up. **39.Nd6+ Ke7 40.Nc4 Bc3+ 41.Kd5 Bd4 42.a5 Kd7 43.a6 Kc7 44.Ke6** 7.77/23

[⌓44.a7 17.05/26 Kb7 45.Ne5]
44...Kc6 45.f6 Bc3 46.Nd6 Kb6



47.a7! Decoy, Promotion. Black got outplayed after the opening.
Weighted Error Value: White=0.38/ Black=0.84
1-0

74 **A03**
□ **Nakamura,Hikaru** **2741**
■ **Lagno,Kateryna** **2522**
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[9...Qc7
A) 10.Qa4 Nxe5 11.fxe5 Bd7 12.Qh4 Qxe5 13.Bf4 *(13.e4 dxe4 14.Bf4 Qe6 15.Bxb8 Rxb8 16.Qf4 Rc8 17.dxe4 Ng4 18.Bh3 h5 19.Nc2 Be5 20.Qg5 Bc6 21.Bxg4 hxg4 22.Ne3 Bf6 23.Qxg4 Qxe4 24.Qxe4 Bxe4 25.Rad1* Polar Bear-Rb8,B 2008) 13...Qxe2 14.Bxb8 Qxb2 7) 1.f4-1.f4 #17 Lifetime Repertoires: Sidelines and Fla 2024;
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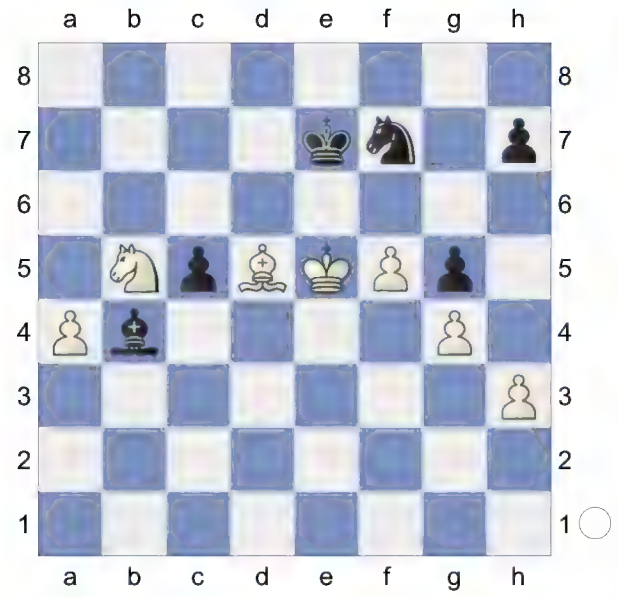
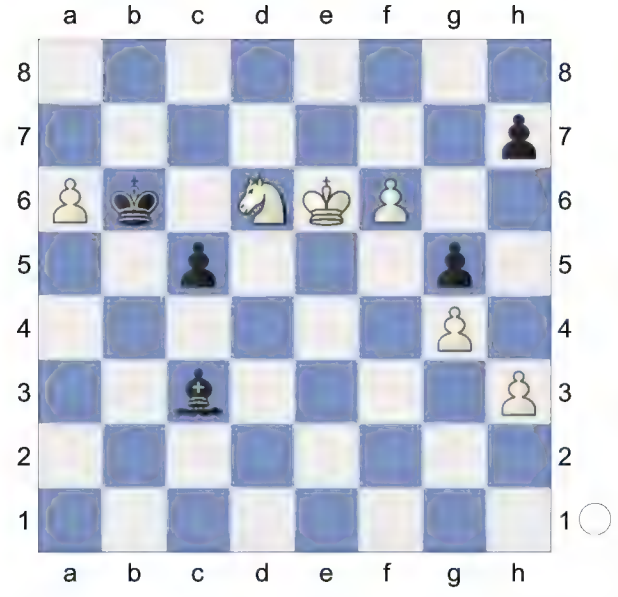
10.Nxd7 Qxd7 11.e4 The position is equal. **11...dxe4** 0.27/20
[11...d4 -0.12/19 deserves consideration.]
12.dxe4= Qxd1 13.Rxd1 Bg4 14.Re1 Rfd8 15.f5 gxf5 16.h3 Bd1 1.51/20
[Black should play 16...Bh5± 0.69/21]
17.Bf4± e5 18.Bg5↑ White is on the roll.
[But not 18.Raxd1?! exf4 19.gxf4 *(19.exf5 fxg3 20.Nc4 h5∓)* 19...fxe4 20.Bxe4 Bh6±]
18...f6 19.Raxd1 fxg5 20.exf5 Rxd1 21.Rxd1 Hoping for Bg2xc6. **21...Rd8 22.Rd5 b6** 2.34/23
[22...Kf7± 1.57/18 23.Nc4 *(23.Rxc5 Bf8±)* 23...b6]
23.Rxd8+ Nxd8+- Endgame KBN-KBN **24.Bd5+ Kf8 25.Kf2 e4 26.Ke3 Be5 27.g4**
[Weaker is 27.Bxe4 Bxg3 28.Nb5 Bb8=]
27...Bf4+ 28.Kxe4 Bc1 29.Nc4 b5 2.48/24
[⌓29...Ke7 1.88/22 30.b3 h6]
30.Nd6 Bxb2 31.Nxb5 a6 32.Nc7 Bxc3 33.Nxa6 Bd4 4.06/23
[⌓33...c4 2.82/21 34.Bxc4 Nc6]
34.a4 Ke7 35.Nc7 Bc3 36.Nb5 Bb4 37.Ke5 Nf7+? 9.35/29
[37...Kd7 3.63/21 38.f6 Ba5]



38.Bxf7 Kxf7 KB-KN. White is a pawn up. **39.Nd6+ Ke7 40.Nc4 Bc3+ 41.Kd5 Bd4 42.a5 Kd7 43.a6 Kc7 44.Ke6 Kc6 45.f6 Bc3 46.Nd6 Kb6**

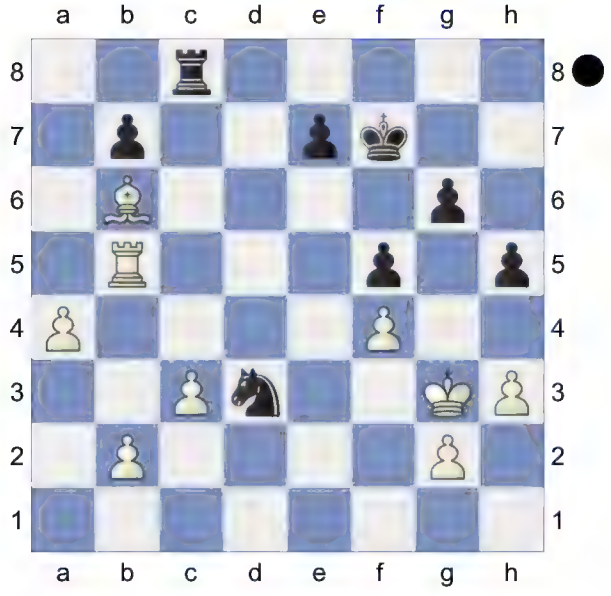


47.a7! Decoy, Promotion. Black got outplayed after the opening.
Weighted Error Value: White=0.26 (precise) /Black=0.72
1-0

75 **B06**
□ **Nakamura,Hikaru** **2729**
■ **Friedel,J** **2527**
USCL ICC INT (8) 11.10.2010
[Kitty Kat]

B06: Modern Defence
1.f4 g6 2.e4 d5 3.e5 Nh6N
[3...c5 4.Nc3 *(4.Nf3 Nc6 5.c4 Bf5 6.Nh4 Bxb1 7.Rxb1 e6 8.Nf3 Nh6 9.Qa4 Qd7 10.cxd5 exd5 11.Bb5 Be7 12.d4 0-0 13.Be3 Ng4 14.Bd2 Qf5 15.0-0 Nxd4 16.Nxd4 cxd4 17.Qxd4 Rfc8 18.Bb4 Bd8* 0-1 (20) Euwe Variation-Ig5 (2375) Top 16 Nancy 2004 (1)*)* 4...Nh6 5.Nf3 Nf5 6.Bb5+ Bd7 7.Qe2 e6 8.0-0 Bxb5 9.Qxb5+ Qd7 10.Qxd7+ Kxd7 11.b3 Nc6 12.Bb2 Rc8 13.Nxd5 Bg7 14.Nc3 Nfd4 15.Nxd4 Nxd4 16.Ne4 Rc7 17.c4 Kc6 18.Bxd4 1-0 (71) Dzida,K-13. ♔b1 ♗b7 14.g5 ♖c8 19 Gambitserie-Grundklasse G 1990 (1) cxd4 19.Rf3 Rd8 20.Rd3 Bf8 21.a4 Bb4 22.g4 h6 23.Kg2 Kb6 24.a5+ Kc6 25.Ra4 Bf8 26.Kf3 Rcd7 27.Nf6 Rc7 28.Ke4 Rcc8 29.b4 g5 30.f5 Bg7 31.Nh5 Bf8 32.f6 b5 33.axb6 1-0 (71) Dzida,K-13. Kb1 Bb7 14.g5 Rc8 Gambitserie-Grundklasse G 1990 (1)]
[3...h5 4.d4 Nh6 5.Nf3 Bg4 6.Be2 e6 7.Qd3 c5 8.dxc5 Bxc5 9.c3 Qb6 10.a4 Nc6 11.b4 Bf2+ 12.Kf1 a6 13.a5 Qa7 14.b5 Bf5 15.Qd1 axb5 16.Na3 Nxa5 17.Nxb5 Qb6 18.Nd6+ ½-½ (25) B6 (2280)-6.bc3 Bg7 7.Bb5 Bd7 (2450) 42/402 Tilburg 1986]
4.d4 c5 5.dxc5 Nc6 0.38/19
[5...e6= -0.07/18]
6.Nd2 Bg4 7.Be2 Bxe2 8.Qxe2 The position is equal. **8...Qa5** 0.65/21

[8...e6= 0.04/19]
9.c3± Qxc5 10.Nb3 Qc4 11.Qxc4 dxc4 12.Nd2 Na5 13.Ngf3 Bg7 14.h3 f6 15.e6 0.02/19
[15.0-0± 0.66/19]
15...Nf5 16.Ne4 h5 17.Kf2 Rc8 18.Ng3 Nxg3 19.Kxg3 f5 0.73/19
[19...Nc6± 0.35/19 should be considered.]
20.Be3± Rc6! 21.Bxa7 Rxe6 22.Rhe1 Rxe1 23.Rxe1 Nc6 24.Bb6 Bf6 1.33/21
[Black should try 24...0-0!± 0.47/21]
25.Nd2↑ White is really pushing. White is more active. **25...Kf7 26.Nxc4** 0.90/23
[White should try 26.a3 1.27/24]
26...Rc8 1.64/21
[26...Ra8± 0.90/23]
27.a4 1.07/25
[27.Kf3+- 1.64/21]
27...Nb4 28.Ne5+ Bxe5 29.Rxe5 0.88/24 Endgame KRB-KRN. White is a pawn up.
[⌓29.fxe5 1.35/23 Nd3 30.e6+ Kf8 31.Re2]
29...Nd3 30.Rb5



h4+? 2.42/21
[30...Rc4± 0.82/22]
31.Kf3? 0.77/23
[31.Kxh4+- 2.42/21 Hoping for Bb6-d4. Nxf4 32.Kg3]
31...Ne1+? 3.33/24
[31...Rc4± 0.77/23 is a better defense.]
32.Kf2+- Nd3+ 33.Ke3 Ne1 34.Bd4
[Resist 34.Kf2 Nd3+ 35.Ke3 Ne1+-]
34...Nc2+ 35.Kd3 Nxd4 36.cxd4 KR-KR. White is a pawn up. White is clearly winning.
[36.Kxd4 Rd8+ 37.Ke5 Rd2 38.Rxb7 Rxg2+-]
36...Rc7 37.a5 e6 38.b4 Ke7 6.64/24
[⌓38...Kf6 4.54/23 39.d5 Rd7]
39.Rc5 Rd7 40.b5 Kd6 41.Kc4
Weighted Error Value: White=0.19 (very precise) /Black=0.44
1-0

76 **A03**
□ **Nakamura,Hikaru** **2741**
■ **Johannessen,Leif Erlend** **2514**
BNBank Final KO blitz (1.3) 27.11.2010
[Kitty Kat]

A03: Bird's Opening with 1...d5
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Opening with 1...d5' **1.f4 d5 2.Nf3 g6 3.g3 Bg7 4.Bg2 Nf6 5.d3 0-0 6.0-0 b5** 0.54/19

[6...Re8= -0.25/17]

[6...c5 7.c3 d4 8.e4 dxe3 9.Bxe3 Qc7 10.Na3 e6 11.Qe2 b6 12.f5 exf5 13.Bf4 Qd8 14.Ne1 Nd5 15.c4 Bb7 16.cxd5 Bxd5 17.Nb5 Nc6 18.Nf3 Qd7 19.Qd2 Rad8 20.Nc3 Bxf3 21.Rxf3 1-0 (53) Maghsoodloo,P (2656)-Bindrich,F (2571) Dresden Porzellan Cup rapid 2010 (8)]

[6...Qd6 7.Nc3 Nc6 8.e4 dxe4 9.dxe4 Qc5+ 10.Kh1 Ng4 11.Nd5 e6 12.Nxc7 Rb8 13.Qe2 a6 14.h3 Nf6 15.e5 Nh5 16.Kh2 Ne7 17.g4 Nxf4 18.Bxf4 Qxc7 19.c3 f5 20.Bg3 Bd7 21.Qd2 1-0 (77) Breuer,S (2018)-Kuenzel,U (2032) corr I FC 2024 S 39 (CUB)]

7.Nbd2N -0.09/17

[White should try 7.e4!± 0.54/19 dxe4 8.dxe4 Nxe4 9.Ng5 Bd4+ 10.Kh1 Nf2+ 11.Rxf2 Bxf2 12.Qe2 Chapter Part-Game Chapter Part 2]

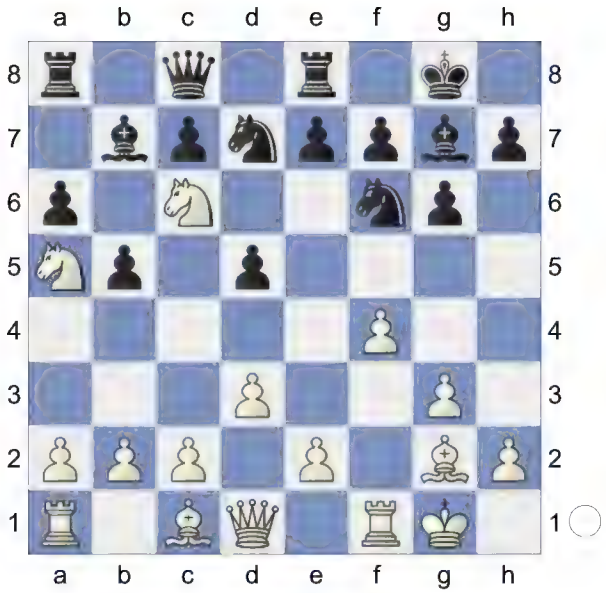
7...Bb7 8.Nb3 Nbd7 The position is equal. **9.Na5 Qc8 10.Nd4** -0.03/19

[10.Ne5± 0.38/17 deserves consideration.]

10...a6= 11.Ndc6 Re8 1.01/19

[11...Bxc6= -0.08/21 12.Nxc6 Qb7]

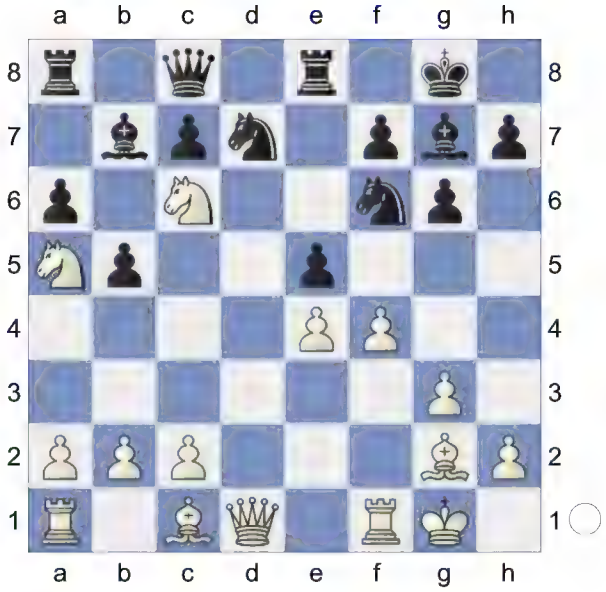
(Diagram)



12.e4!± White is much more active.

12...dxe4 13.dxe4 Threatens to win with e4-e5. **13...e5** 1.75/21

[13...Bxc6± 1.25/20 14.Nxc6 e5]



14.Bh3!+- exf4 4.00/21

[14...Bxc6 1.68/19 15.Nxc6 Qb7 *(15...exf4? 16.e5+-)*]

15.Rxf4

[Not 15.Nxb7 Qxb7 16.Bxd7 Red8 17.Nxd8 Rxd8±]

15...Bxc6 16.Nxc6 Qb7 17.Bxd7 Qb6+ 18.Kg2 Rxe4 7.42/21

[⌓18...Rad8 4.02/19 19.Rxf6 Bxf6 20.Nxd8 Rxd8]
19.Rxe4 Nxe4 20.Qf3
Weighted Error Value: White=0.12 (very precise) /Black=0.82
1-0

77 **A02**
□ **Xiong,Jeffery** **2692**
■ **Araujo Sanchez,Josue** **2303**
Titled Tue 22nd Nov Late blitz (1)
[Kitty Kat]

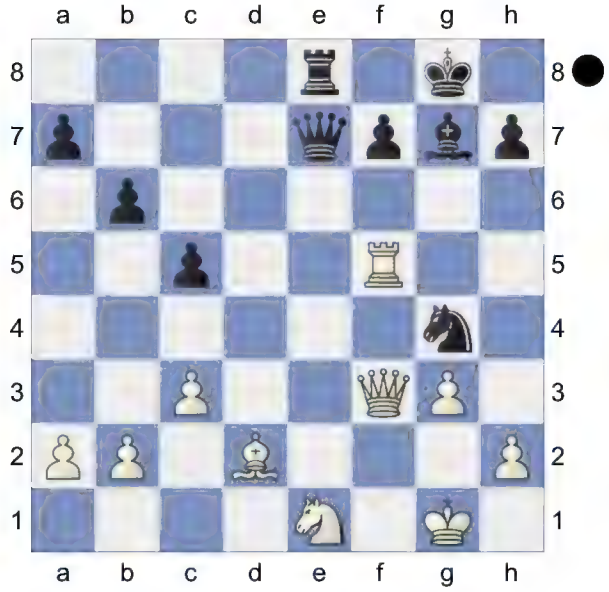
A03: Bird's Opening with 1...d5 Inf 109/(1) **1.f4 Nf6 2.Nf3 g6 3.g3 Bg7 4.Bg2 0-0 5.0-0 d5 6.d3 c5 7.c3 Nc6 8.Qe1**
[8.Na3 d4 9.e4 dxe3 10.Bxe3 Bf5 11.Bxc5 Bxd3 12.Re1 Qd5 13.Bf2 Be4 14.Qxd5 Bxd5 15.Nd4 Bxg2 16.Kxg2 Nxd4 17.Bxd4 e6 Bird's Opening 1 f4-without 1...d5 ChessPub Guide 2018 Flank Openings [ChessPublishing.com]]
8...d4
[8...b6 9.e4 dxe4 10.dxe4 e6 11.Qe2 Qc7 12.Nbd2 Bb7 13.e5 Nd5 14.Ne4 Rad8 15.g4 h6 16.g5 Nce7 17.h4 Nf5 18.h5 Nde3 19.gxh6 Nxf1 20.hxg7 Kxg7 21.h6+ Kxh6 22.Bxf1 Bxe4 23.Qxe4 8.♗g5 00 9. ♕d2 h6 10. ♗e (2465)-Bal, O (2335) Palma de Mallorca 1990 EXT 2022 [Gospodinow,Niels] ½-½ (49)]
9.Na3 Nd5 9...Rb8 is vanishing. 9...Tb8 scheint zu verschwinden.9...Rb8 is vanishing .9...Tb8 scheint zu verschwinden. **10.Bd2 Re8N** 0.21/18
[⌓10...Be6 -0.10/17]
[10...Bg4 11.Nc2 Qd7 12.c4 Nb6 13.Ng5 Bf5 14.Rc1 Rfe8 15.b4 Na4 16.Qf2 Rad8 17.a3 h6 18.Ne4 Bxe4 19.Bxe4 f5 20.Bf3 e5 21.Qg2 e4 22.dxe4 d3 23.exd3 Qxd3 24.e5 10.g4 h6 11. ♗d3-5...Be7 6.Nf3 O-O #5 Wijk aan Zee 1993 TD 92\02 [Lane, CCYB6]]
[10...b6 11.Nc2 Bb7 12.c4 Nc7 13.a3 b5 14.cxb5 Nxb5 15.Rc1 Nd6 16.Na1 Qb6 17.b4 cxb4 18.axb4 Rab8 19.Nb3 Ba8 20.Nc5 Rfd8 21.Qf2 Rbc8 Panbukchian,V (2361)-Dochev,D (2428) Plovdiv 2010 CI1-130 [RR]]
11.Nc4= b6N
[Predecessor: 11...Rb8 12.a4 b6 13.Rc1 Bb7 14.g4 e6 15.Qf2 f5 16.h3 Qc7 17.Qg3! Rbd8 1-0 (40) Pogosyan,S (2444)-Vlassov, N (2331) Cheliabinsk 2021]
12.e4 -0.09/19
[12.Nce5± 0.37/17 Nxe5 13.fxe5 *(13.Nxe5 f6=)*]
12...dxe3= 13.Nxe3 Bb7 14.f5 Nxe3 15.Qxe3 -0.37/20
[15.fxg6= -0.04/21 hxg6 16.Qxe3]
15...gxf5∓ 16.Rae1 e6 17.Ng5 -0.90/20
[17.g4!∓ -0.45/18]
17...Qd7 -0.38/22
[17...Re7∓ -0.90/20 White must now prevent ...Nc6-e5. 18.g4 h6 19.Nxf7 Kxf7]
18.Nh3 -1.17/24
[18.Qf3∓ -0.38/22]
18...Ne5 19.Bxb7 Qxb7 20.Nf4 Rad8 21.Bc1 Ng4 22.Qe2 Nf6 0x0.002565d5175cdp-1022s more active pieces. **23.Rf3 e5** -0.79/23
[⌓23...Rd7 -1.15/18 24.Ng2 Rc8]
24.Ng2∓ e4 25.dxe4 Rxe4 26.Be3 Rde8 -0.42/21
[26...Qd7∓ -0.83/20]
27.Rxf5∓ Ng4 28.Qf3 -0.97/24
[28.Rf4∓ -0.58/22 might be stronger.

Rxf4 29.gxf4]

28...Qe7 -0.55/23

[28...Bh6∓ -0.97/24 Threatens to win with ...Qb7-e7. 29.Bf2 Rxe1+ 30.Bxe1 Qxf3 31.Rxf3 Ne5]

29.Bd2 Rxe1+ 30.Nxe1



Qd7 0.01/26 **31.Rd5** -0.42/24

[31.Qd5= 0.01/26 should be considered. Qe6 32.Qxe6 fxe6 33.Rg5]

31...Qe6 32.Ng2? -2.67/24

[Better is 32.Nd3∓ -0.52/22]

32...Ne5-+ 33.Qe4 f5 34.Qa4 -10.63/24

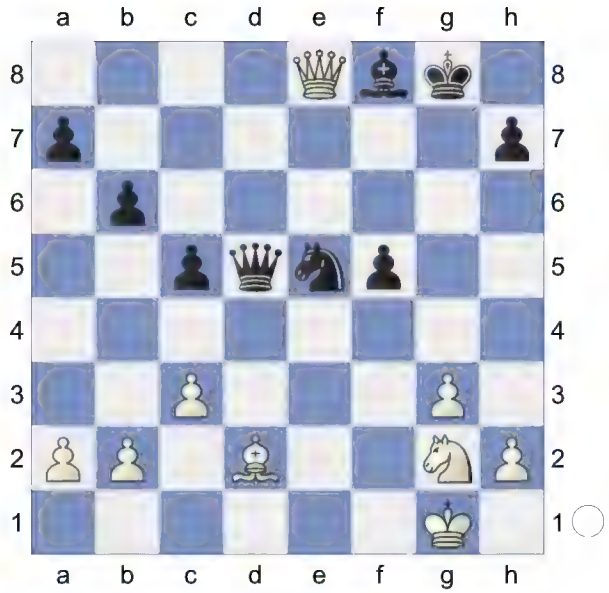
[34.Rxe5 -2.42/22 Bxe5 35.Qb1]

34...Qxd5? 0.01/21

[34...Nf3+-+ -10.63/24 35.Kh1 Qe2 36.Qxe8+ Qxe8]

35.Qxe8+= Bf8

(Diagram)



36.Be1 -0.88/22

[36.Nf4!= 0.01/23 Qe4 37.Ne6 Qb1+ 38.Kg2 Qe4+ 39.Kg1 Qb1+ 40.Kg2 Qe4+ 41.Kg1]

36...Nf3+∓ 37.Kf2 -1.06/23

[37.Kh1∓ -0.59/24 is more appropriate.]

37...Nxh2 38.Nf4 Ng4+

[Don't play 38...Qxa2?! 39.Ne6 Qxb2+ 40.Kg1 Nf3+ 41.Kf1 Nh2+ 42.Kg1 Nf3+ 43.Kf1 Nh2+ 44.Kg1=]

[Reject 38...Qh1?! 39.Qe6+ Kg7 40.Qe5+ Kg8 41.Qe6+ Kh8 42.Qf6+ Kg8 43.Qe6+=]

39.Ke2 Qe4+

[Much weaker is 39...Qxa2?! 40.Ne6 Qc4+ 41.Kd2 Qd5+ 42.Kc1=]

[39...Qf7 with more complications. 40.Qd8 Qc4+ 41.Qd3 Qxd3+ 42.Kxd3 Ne5+]

40.Qxe4 fxe4 Endgame KBN-KBN

41.Nd5 Bd6 42.a4 -1.52/23

[White should play 42.c4 -1.11/23]

42...Kf7 -1.84/23

[42...h5∓ -1.52/23 43.c4 Be5]

43.c4 Ke6 44.a5 -2.45/24

[⌓44.b3 -1.72/22]

44...bxa5-+ 45.b3 h5 46.Nc3 Kf5

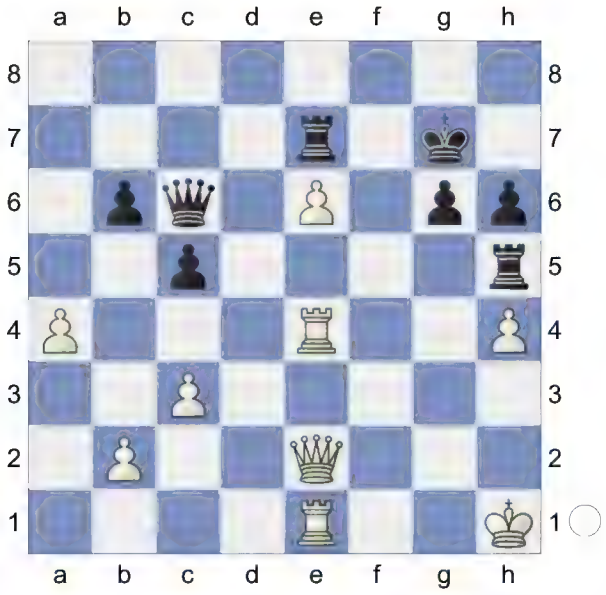
47.Nb5 Bb8 48.Bxa5? -6.61/23
[48.Nc3 -3.48/23]
48...Bxg3 aiming for ...h5-h4. Black is clearly winning. **49.Nxa7 h4** (→ ...h4-h3) **50.Nc6 h3** Weighted Error Value: White=0.61/Black=0.31
0-1

78 **A03**
□ **Muzychuk,Anna** **2545**
■ **Cramling,Pia** **2518**
SportAccord Blitz w 2014 (15.7)
[Kitty Kat]

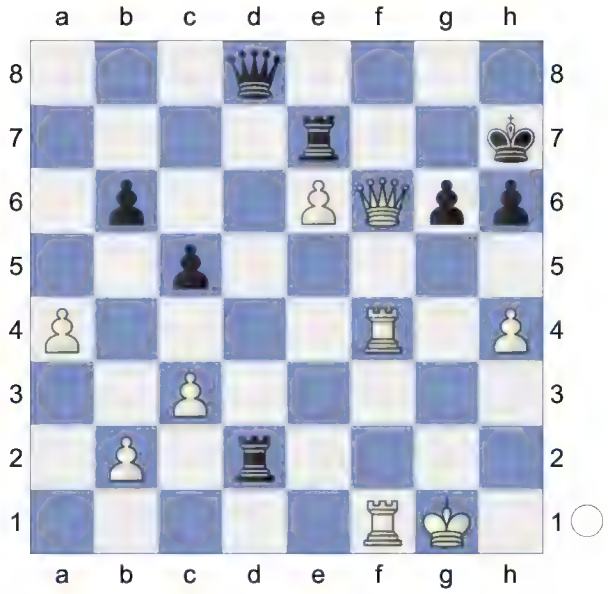
A03: Bird's Opening with 1...d5
1.f4 d5 2.Nf3 g6 3.g3 Bg7 4.Bg2 Nd7 5.0-0 e5 0.52/21
[5...c6= -0.09/18]
6.fxe5± Nxe5 7.Nxe5 Bxe5 8.d4 The position is equal. **8...Bg7 9.c3N** -0.27/18
[9.Nc3± 0.31/19 c6 10.e4 dxe4 11.Nxe4 Ne7 12.Bg5 0-0 13.c3 f5 14.Qb3+ Kh8 15.Qa3 Re8 16.Nd6 Chapter Part-Game Chapter Part 4]
9...Nf6 10.Bg5 c6 11.e4 dxe4 12.Nd2 h6! 13.Bxf6 Bxf6 14.Nxe4 Bg7 15.Nc5 0-0 16.Qd2 Qc7 17.Rf2 -0.38/18
[17.Qf4= 0.00/17 Qd8 18.Rf2]
17...b6 18.Nd3 Ba6 19.Nb4 Bb7 20.Qf4 Qd7 21.Qf3 Rac8 22.Re1 Ba8 23.Qd1 a5 24.Nd3 Rcd8 0.19/22
[⌓24...c5 -0.29/20 25.dxc5 Bxg2 26.Kxg2 Rcd8 *(26...bxc5 27.Nf4=)*]
25.Ne5= Qc7 Hoping for ...Bg7xe5.
26.Qb3 Bxe5 0.87/21
[26...c5= 0.14/21]
27.dxe5±
[27.Rxe5?! c5=]
27...a4 1.94/20 **28.Qxa4+- c5** 3.02/22
[⌓28...Qe7 1.76/20 29.a3 *(29.Bxc6 Qc5±; 29.Qf4 Kg7±)* 29...Rfe8]
29.Bxa8 1.51/20
[29.e6+- 3.02/22 Bxg2 30.e7 *(30.Kxg2 fxe6 31.Rxf8+ Rxf8±)*]
29...Rxa8± 30.Qg4 1.01/22
[30.Qh4!+- 1.80/20 h5 31.e6 fxe6 32.Rxe6 Rxf2 33.Rxg6+ *(33.Kxf2 Rf8+ 34.Rf6 Qc6±)* 33...Kf8 34.Kxf2 *(34.Qxh5 Rf7+-)*]
30...Rae8 31.e6 Kg7 32.Ree2 0.42/22
White has more active pieces.
[32.Qh4± 1.23/20 g5 33.Qg4]
32...f5!± 33.Qc4 Qd6 0.82/21
[33...Re7= 0.29/21]
34.Re1 0.18/22
[34.Rf3± 0.82/21 Hoping for Rf3-d3. b5 35.Rd3 *(35.Qxb5 Rxe6 36.Rd3 Qe7±)* 35...Qxg3+ 36.hxg3 *(36.Rxg3 bxc4 37.e7 Rf6=)* 36...bxc4 37.Rd5]
34...Rf6 35.Rfe2 Re7 1.14/20
[35...f4± 0.47/23]

36.a4 0.14/24
[White should try 36.Re5!± 1.14/20]
36...f4= 37.gxf4! Rxf4 38.Re4 Rf5 0.43/22
[38...Qd2!= 0.01/23 39.Qe2 Qxe2 40.R1xe2 Rxe4 41.Rxe4 Kf6]

39.Qe2 -0.01/23
[39.b4!± 0.43/22 feels stronger.]
39...Rg5+ 40.Kh1 Qc6 41.h4↑ White fights for an advantage. **41...Rh5** 0.94/22
[41...Re5= 0.00/23 42.Kg1 Qxe4 43.Qxe4 Rxe4 44.Rxe4 Kf6]



42.Kg1!± Qd6 Dodges Re4-f4 **43.Rf1** -0.01/22
[43.Rd1± 0.93/22 Rd5 44.Rxd5 Qxd5 45.Re5]
43...Rd5 0.72/23
[43...Rxh4!= -0.01/22 keeps the balance. 44.Qf2 Rxe4 45.Qf8+ Kh7 46.Rf7+ Rxf7 47.Qxf7+ *(47.Qxd6 Re1+ 48.Kg2 Re2+ 49.Kg1 Re1+ 50.Kg2 Re2+ 51.Kg3 Re3+ 52.Kh2 Re2+ 53.Kg1 Re1+=)* 47...Kh8 48.Qe8+ Kg7 49.Qf7+ Kh8]
44.Qf3 Really sharp! **44...Qd8** 4.08/21 Repels Qf3-f8+
[Black should try 44...Kh7± 0.70/20]
45.Qf6+ 2.35/24
[⌓45.Rf4 4.08/21 White wants to mate with Rf4-f7+. Rf5 46.Rxf5 gxf5 47.Qxf5]
45...Kh7 46.Ref4 Rd2? #23/23
[46...Kg8+- 2.75/24 47.Rg4 *(47.Qxg6+ Rg7+-* Pin *)* 47...g5 48.hxg5 *(48.Qxh6 Rg7+-)* 48...Rxg5 49.Rxg5+ hxg5]



47.Qxe7+!! Remove Defender, Decoy
47...Qxe7 48.Rf7+
Weighted Error Value: White=0.30/ Black=0.48
1-0

79 **A03**
□ **Tabatabaei,M** **2576**
■ **Raja,H** **2419**
57. World Juniors 2018 (2.8) 06.09.2018
[Kitty Kat]

A03: Bird's Opening with 1...d5
1.f4 c5 2.Nf3 Nf6 3.g3 g6 4.Bg2 Bg7 5.d3 d5 6.0-0 0-0 7.c3 Nc6 8.Na3 Bf5
[8...b6 9.Qe1 Ba6 10.Rb1 d4 11.b4 cxb4 12.cxb4 Bb7 13.b5 Na5 14.Bd2 Nd5 15.Ne5 Rc8 16.Nac4 Nc3 17.Bxb7 Nxb7 18.Bxc3 dxc3 19.Qxc3 Nd6 20.Qa3 Nxc4 21.Nxc4 Qd5 22.Rf3 Rfd8 23.Qb3

1-0 (57) Karthik,V (2603)-Erenburg,S (2510) Wch Blitz New York 2024 (9)]

9.Nh4 Rb8N

[9...Rc8 10.Nxf5 gxf5 11.Be3 b6 12.Nc2 Chapter-Game Chapter 5 Game 3]

10.Qe1 Qd7 The position is equal.

11.e4 Bh3 12.e5 Ne8 13.Bxh3 Qxh3 14.Nc2 Qd7 0.37/19

[14...f6= -0.08/19]

15.d4± cxd4 16.cxd4 Rc8 17.Rf2

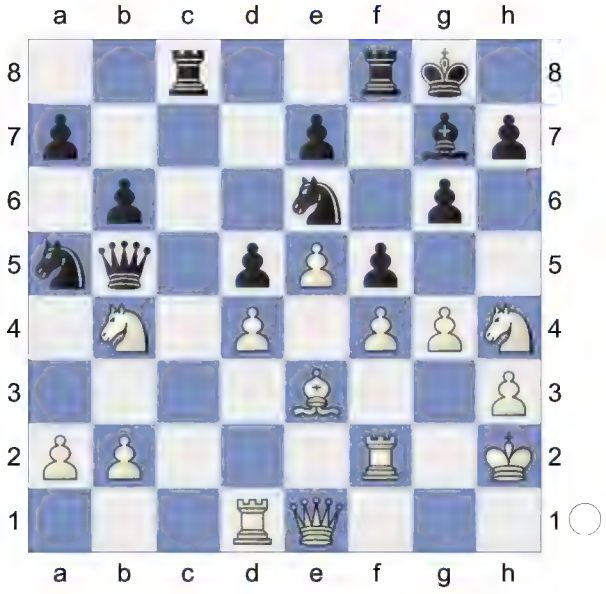
[17.f5 Nxe5 18.dxe5 Rxc2∓]

17...f5 18.h3 Nc7 19.Kh2 b6 20.Be3 Na5 21.Rd1 Qa4 0.83/19

[21...Ne6± 0.47/18 is superior.]

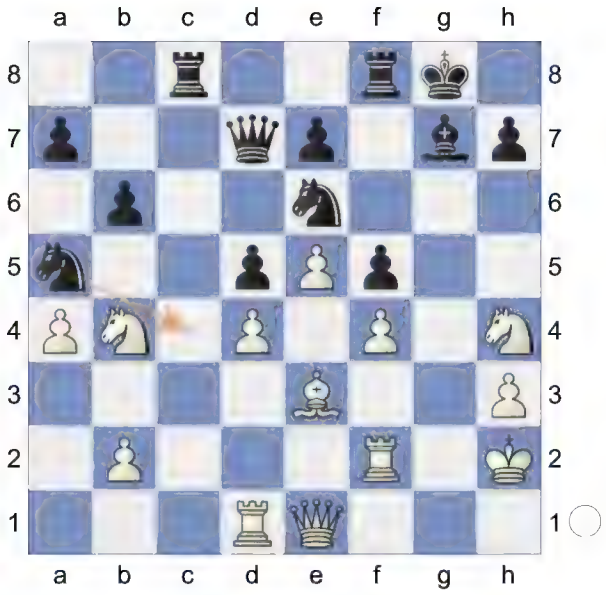
22.g4± Ne6 23.Nb4 Qb5 1.92/19

[23...Nc6± 1.43/20]



24.a4 0.85/21 **Qd7 25.gxf5 gxf5**

(Diagram)



26.Qh1!↑ White is really pushing.

26...Rcd8 27.Qf3 Rf7 28.Rg2 Nc6? 4.77/21

[28...Nf8 1.89/19 is a better defense. 29.Rdg1 e6]

29.Na2 2.72/19

[⌓29.Nxc6 4.77/21 Qxc6 30.Qh5]

29...Qe8 30.Nc3 Nb4? 4.04/20

[30...Kh8 2.48/19 31.Qh5 *(31.Nxd5 Rf8+-)* 31...Rf8 32.Ng6+ Kg8 33.Nxf8 Qxh5 34.Nxe6 Kh8]

31.Ne2 and Ne2-g3 would now be decisive **31...Qxa4 32.Ng3 Rdf8** 5.45/20

[⌓32...Nc2 3.52/18]

33.Ngxf5+- White is clearly winning.

33...Rxf5 34.Nxf5 Rxf5 35.Qg4 Qxd1 9.96/21

[⌓35...Ng5 4.47/18 36.Rc1 *(36.Qxf5 Nf3+ 37.Kg3 Qxd1+-; 36.fxg5 e6+-)* 36...Qd7 37.fxg5 e6]

36.Qxd1

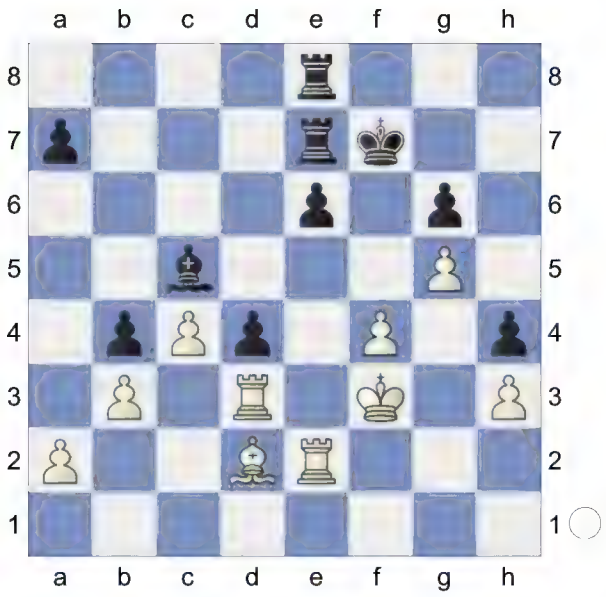
Weighted Error Value: White=0.23 (precise) /Black=0.59

1-0

80 **A03**
□ **Livaic,Leon** **2558**
■ **Campos Gomez,Manuel** **2307**
32. Open 2023 (6.8) 01.08.2023
[Kitty Kat]

B20: Sicilian: Unusual White 2nd moves
1.f4 d5 2.Nf3 g6 3.g3 Bg7 4.Bg2 c5 5.0-0 Nc6 6.d3 e6
[6...Nf6 7.Qe1 0-0 8.e4 e6 9.e5 Nd7 10.c3 b5 11.g4 b4 12.d4 a5 13.Be3 Ba6 14.Rf2 bxc3 15.bxc3 cxd4 16.Nxd4 Rc8 17.Nd2 Nc5 18.Bf1 Nd3 19.Bxd3 Bxd3 20.Rf3 Qc7 21.Qh4 Jaiveer,M (2251)-Vakhlamov,I (2413) Chess.com INT 2025 0-1 (62)]
7.e4 has lost popularity (7.c3). verliert an Beliebtheit (7.c3). **7...Nge7 8.c3 Rb8N**
[8...0-0 9.e5 b6 10.d4 Ba6 11.Rf2 Qd7 12.g4 Rfc8 13.Be3 cxd4 14.cxd4 Rc7 15.Nh4 Bh6 16.Qe1 Rac8 17.f5 Bxe3 18.Qxe3 exf5 19.gxf5 Nd8 20.Nc3 gxf5 21.Qg5+ Kh8 22.Qf6+ Kg8 23.Bh3 Henno,F-De,J corr 1975 OPN, C00 [Hull Bellman;Argus & Express25/1/1879; ILN 1/] 1-0]
9.Qe1N
[Vorgänger: 9.e5 Nf5 10.Qe1 h5 11.Qf2 b6 12.d4 cxd4 13.cxd4 Ba6 14.Rd1 Bf8 15.Nc3 Be7 16.h3 1-0 Kuzmicz,K (2466)-Hrabinska,M (2210) EU-ch Rapid Katowice 2022 (6)]
9...b5 10.e5 Ba6 The position is equal. **11.Nbd2 b4** Threatening ...bxc3. **12.c4 Nf5 13.b3 dxc4 14.dxc4 Ncd4 15.Rb1 Bb7 16.Rb2** Inhibits Nc2. **16...Bf8** 0.55/19
[16...a5= 0.09/18]
17.Ne4
[17.g4!? Nxf3+ 18.Nxf3±]
17...Be7 Prevents Nf6+. **18.Rd2 0-0 19.Nxd4 cxd4 20.Rd3** Against Ne3 **20...Qb6** 0.38/19
[20...Qa5= -0.05/19]
21.Nf2 -0.01/18
[21.Nf6+± 0.38/19 Bxf6 22.Bxb7]
21...Rfd8
[21...Bxg2 seems wilder. 22.Kxg2 h5 23.h3 Qa6]
22.Bxb7 Rxb7 23.Qe4 Inhibits Ne3. **23...Rbd7** 0.39/21
[23...Kg7= 0.02/17 was preferrable.]
24.Rfd1!± h5 25.h3 h4 26.g4 Ng3 27.Qf3 Bc5 0.95/18
[Better is 27...Qa5± 0.45/16]
28.Ne4± Nxe4 29.Qxe4 Qa6 1.50/18
[Black should try 29...Re8± 0.68/17]
30.R1d2 0.95/17
[⌓30.f5 1.50/18]
30...Kg7 1.41/19
[⌓30...Qb7 0.95/17 31.Qe1 a5]
31.Rg2 Qb7 32.Qxb7 Rxb7 33.Bd2 0.45/17
[33.f5± 0.93/18]
33...f6 1.31/20 Black is now going downhill.
[33...a5± 0.45/17]
34.exf6+ Kxf6 35.Re2 Re7 36.Be1 Rh8 37.g5+ Kf7 38.Kg2 Rh5 1.60/21
[⌓38...e5 0.84/22 39.Re4 *(39.Rxe5 Rxe5 40.fxe5 Ke6=; 39.fxe5 Rhe8±)* 39...exf4 40.Rxf4+ Kg7 41.Bxh4 Re5]
39.Bd2 &Bianco is more active. **39...Rh8 40.Kf3** 1.20/23
[⌓40.Re5 1.51/23 Rc7 41.Be1]
40...Rhe8 1.85/22
[40...e5± 1.20/23]

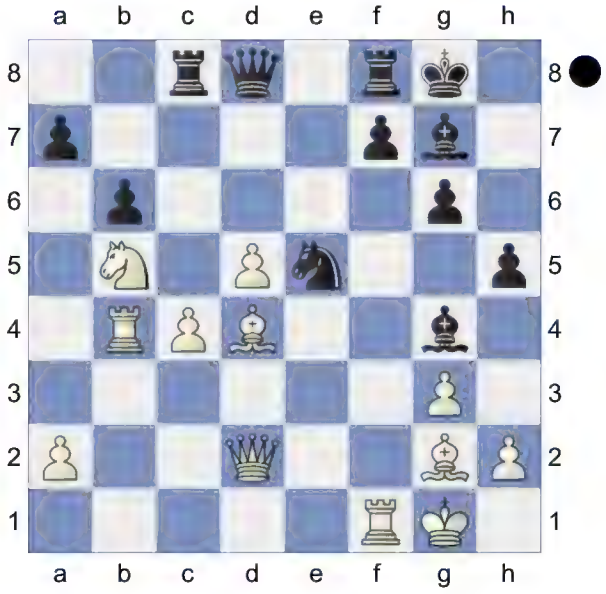
(Diagram)



41.Re5!+- Bd6 42.Ra5
[Inferior is 42.Rxd4 Bxe5 43.fxe5 a5=]
42...e5 43.fxe5 Rxe5 44.Rxe5
[Worse is 44.Rxa7+ Kg8 45.Rxd4 Rf5+ 46.Kg4 Bc5=]
44...Bxe5 45.Bxb4 KRB-KRB **45...Rc8 46.Ke4 Ke6 47.Rf3 Bg7 48.Be1 Rh8 49.b4 a6 50.a4**
Weighted Error Value: White=0.10 (very precise) /Black=0.22 (precise)
1-0

81 **A03**
□ **Morozevich,Alexander** **2758**
■ **Svidler,Peter** **2684**
About.com/ICC GM m (1) 06.11.1999
[Kitty Kat]

A03: Bird's Opening with 1...d5
1.f4 d5 2.Nf3 g6 3.g3 Bg7 4.Bg2 Nf6 5.0-0 c5 6.d3 Nc6 7.Nc3 d4 8.Na4 Nd7 9.c4 0-0 10.e4 dxe3 11.Bxe3 Nd4 The position is equal. **12.Rb1 Rb8 13.b4 Nxf3+ 14.Bxf3 cxb4 15.Rxb4**
[Of course not 15.Bxa7 Ra8 16.Bf2 Qa5∓]
15...b6 16.d4 Nf6 17.Nc3 h5 18.d5 Ng4 19.Bd4 e5
[Don't do 19...Ne3 20.Bxe3 Bxc3 21.Rb3=]
20.fxe5 Nxe5 21.Bg2 -0.90/18
[21.Ra4= -0.21/18 keeps the balance.]
21...Bg4∓ Black keeps a firm grip on the game. **22.Qd2 Rc8 23.Nb5**

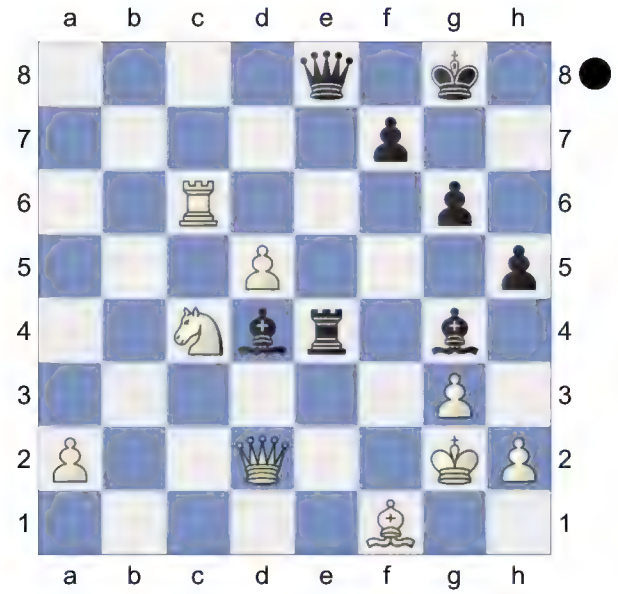


a5 -0.73/21
[23...Rxc4? 24.Bxe5 Rxb4 25.Bxg7 Kxg7 26.Qxb4+-]
[⌓23...Qd7! -1.09/21 24.Bxe5 Bxe5]
24.Rb3 -1.34/19
[⌓24.Rbb1 -0.73/21]
24...Rxc4 25.Rf4 -1.51/21
[⌓25.h3 -1.13/17 Bd7 26.Ba1]
25...Qc8 White must now prevent ...Rc2. **26.Nd6** -2.03/24
[26.Rc3∓ -1.31/19 Rxc3 27.Nxc3]
26...Rc1+ 27.Rf1 Rxf1+ 28.Bxf1 Qd8 29.Bxe5 Bxe5 30.Nc4 Bg7 31.Rxb6 Re8 Strongly threatening ...Re4. **32.Rc6** -2.50/22
[32.Ra6 -1.72/19 was called for.]
32...Re4-+ ...Bd4+ is the strong threat. **33.Qxa5N** -#11/20

[33.h3-+ -2.39/20 Bd7 34.Ra6]

33...Bd4+ This bishop pair is nice.

34.Kg2 Qe8 (-> ...Re2+!) **35.Qd2**



Prevents Re2+. **35...Re2+!** Skewer, Decoy, Back Rank, Clearance

36.Bxe2

[36.Qxe2 Bxe2]

36...Qe4+ 37.Kf1 Qh1#

Weighted Error Value: White=0.72/ Black=0.17 (very precise)

0-1

82 **A02**

□ **Gazik,Viktor** **2575**

■ **Abrahamyan,Tatev** **2312**

SPICE Cup Open 2022 (7.17) 22.12.2022

[Kitty Kat]

B25: Closed Sicilian: 3 g3, lines without early Be3

1.f4 Nf6 2.Nf3 c5 3.g3 g6 4.Bg2 Bg7 5.0-0 0-0 6.d3 Nc6 7.e4 d6 8.h3 Rb8 9.Nc3 was the old line (9.g4). war die alte Variante (9.g4). **9...b5 10.Be3 b4 11.Ne2 a5N**

[11...Nd7 12.Rb1 Qa5 13.Nc1 Ba6 14.Re1 Qc7 15.g4 Line Closed Sicilian-5...Nf6 & 7...d6 [GM Mihail Marin]]

12.g4 Ba6 Black is slightly better.

13.Qd2!? Leaves trodden paths. Verlässt die ausgetretenen Pfade.

13...Nd7 14.Rab1 a4 15.h4N

[Vorgänger: 15.b3 Qb6 16.f5 Rbc8 17.Nf4 axb3 18.axb3 Bb7 19.Nd5 Qa5 20.Bh6 e6 1.22/18 *(20...Qd8=* 0.22/18 *)* 21.Bxg7± Kxg7 ½-½ (47) Kongsee,U (2285)-Cu Hor,W (2318) Baku 2016]

15...Qb6 -0.07/14

[15...c4∓ -0.39/15]

16.h5= Nd4 17.Rf2 Rbc8 0.12/14

[17...b3∓ -0.36/15 18.axb3 axb3]

18.hxg6 fxg6 19.g5 e6 20.Bh3 Bxd4 is the strong threat. **20...Rce8 21.Bg4** -0.32/17

[21.Bxd4= -0.01/17 might be stronger. cxd4 22.b3]

21...Re7 -0.01/16

[21...Nxf3+∓ -0.32/17 was preferrable. 22.Rxf3 Rf7]

22.Bxd4 cxd4 23.b3 a3 24.Rbf1 Bc8 25.Rh2 Nc5 0.42/17

[25...Rff7= 0.01/15 feels stronger.]

26.Kh1±

[And not 26.Nexd4 Ref7 27.Bh3 Rxf4-+]

[26.Nfxd4? Bxd4+ 27.Nxd4 e5 28.Bxc8 Rxc8-+]

26...Na6 27.Qe1 Qc5 1.28/19

[27...e5? 28.Bxc8 Rxc8 29.Qh4+-]

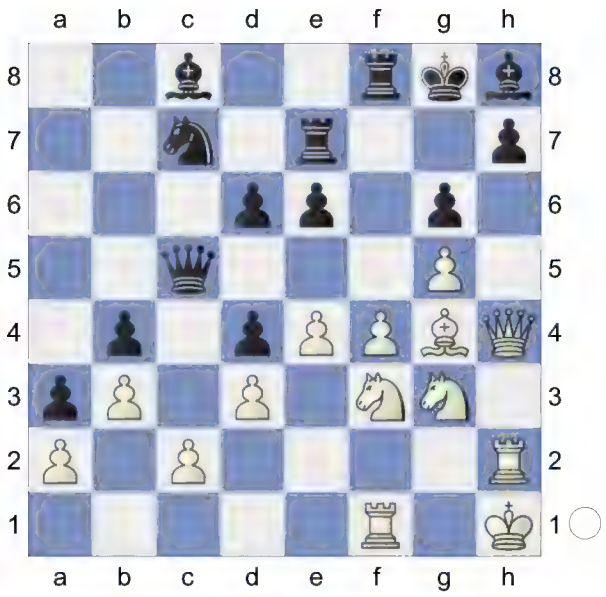
[27...Nc7!= 0.14/19]

28.Qh4± Bh8 29.Ng3 0.40/18

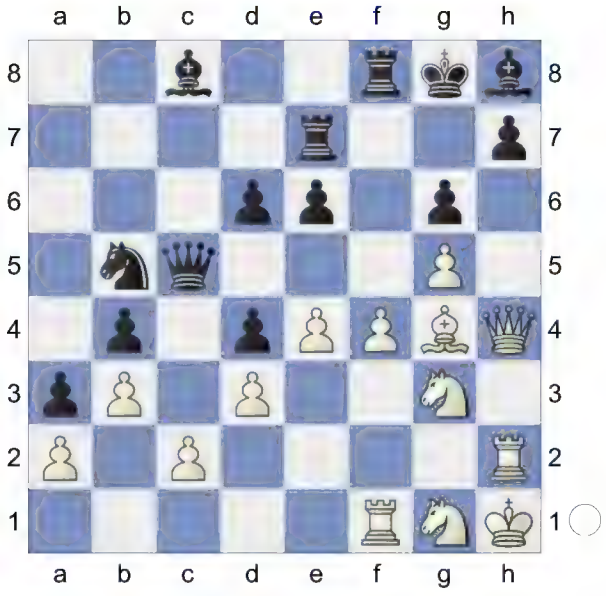
[29.Qh3± 1.34/17]

29...Nc7±

(Diagram)



30.Ng1 0.01/15
[Better is 30.Bh5!± 0.67/18 Bg7 *(30...gxh5 31.Nxh5)* 31.Bxg6! hxg6 32.Qh7+ Kf7 33.Nh4]
30...Nb5 1.03/19
[30...Qc6!= 0.01/15]



31.Rhf2? -0.55/18
[31.Bh5!± 1.03/19 Hoping for Bxg6! gxh5 32.Nxh5]
31...Nc3 32.f5 exf5 33.exf5 gxf5 -0.01/22
[33...Nxa2? 34.Ne4 Qd5 35.fxg6 *(35.f6 Ref7=)* 35...Rxf2 36.Qxf2+-]
[Black should try 33...Be5∓ -0.51/19 34.Ne4 Nxe4 35.dxe4 Qc6]
34.Bxf5→ White is up to no good. Chess con chili. **34...Bb7+?** 7.60/23 Loses the game.
[34...Bxf5= 0.09/21 35.Rxf5 Qc6+ 36.R1f3 *(36.Kh2 Rxf5 37.Rxf5 Nxa2∓)* 36...Ref7]
35.Kh2+- White threatens Bxh7+! and mate. **35...Rfe8 36.Qh6** Be6+! would kill now. **36...d5 37.Be6+?** 3.28/5 **Rxe6 38.Rf8+** Deflection **38...Rxf8?** #2/6
[38...Qxf8+- 3.73/5 39.Rxf8+ Rxf8 40.Qxe6+ Rf7]
39.Qxe6+
Weighted Error Value: White=0.39/Black=0.65
1-0

83 **C00**
□ **Caruana,Fabiano** **2796**
■ **Cordeiro,Marco Aurelio Zaror** **2081**
Titled 0. Jul Early (2) 30.07.2024
[Kitty Kat]

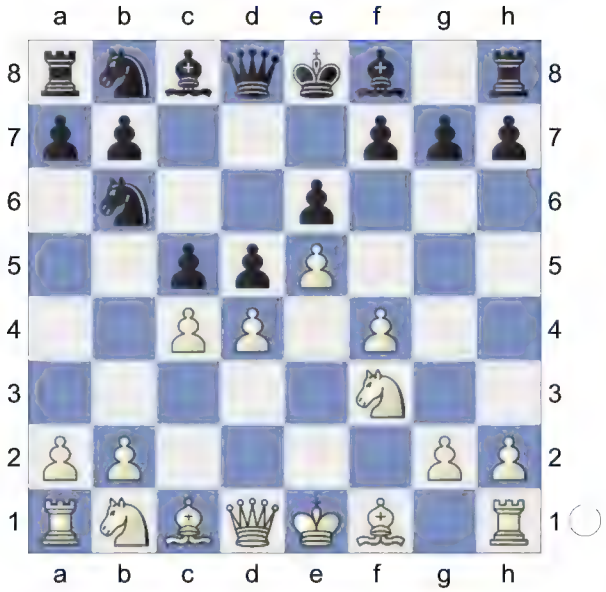
C00: French: Unusual White 2nd moves
1.f4 e6 2.e4 Nf6N
[2...b6 3.Nf3 Bb7 4.d3 *(4.Nc3 Bb4 5.d3 d5 6.Bd2 c5 7.exd5 exd5 8.d4 Nc6 9.a3 Ba5 10.Bb5 Nge7 11.Na4 Bxd2+ 12.Qxd2 cxd4 13.Nxd4 0-0 14.0-0-0 Nxd4 15.Qxd4 Qc7 16.g4 a6 17.Bd3 Nc6 18.Qf2 d4* 1-0 (55) Schubert,F-Kraft,P corr desc e-mail 2000 (1)*)* 4...d6 *(4...Nf6 5.g3 Bc5 6.c3 d5 7.e5 Ng4 8.d4 Be7 9.h3 Nh6 10.Bd3 c5 11.Qe2 g6 12.Be3 Nf5 13.Bf2 Nc6 14.0-0 h6 15.g4 Ng7 16.Nbd2 Qd7 17.a3 a6 18.b3 cxd4 19.Nxd4* 1-0 (42) Wippermann,T-Barron,P

Niedersachsen-ch U17 1997 (6)) 5.Be2 Nd7 6.0-0 Be7 7.Be3 Ngf6 8.Ng5 h6 9.Nh3 0-0 10.f5 e5 11.Qe1 d5 12.exd5 Nxd5 13.Bf2 Bc5 14.Bf3 Bxf2+ 15.Nxf2 c6 16.Nc3 Qc7 17.Nfe4 0-1 (38) Varley, T (1363)-Arnold,L (1276) Trio-677.1 IECC 1999]

3.e5 Nd5 4.d4 c5 5.c4 Nb6 0.92/18
[5...Nc7!± 0.53/18]

6.Nf3 0.33/19
[6.d5± 0.92/18]

6...d5 1.01/18
[6...cxd4± 0.33/19 7.Nxd4 a6]



7.exd6!± cxd4 1.49/17
[Black should try 7...Bxd6 0.98/18 8.b4 Be7]

8.Qxd4 0.20/20 White is more active.
[Better is 8.c5± 1.49/17]

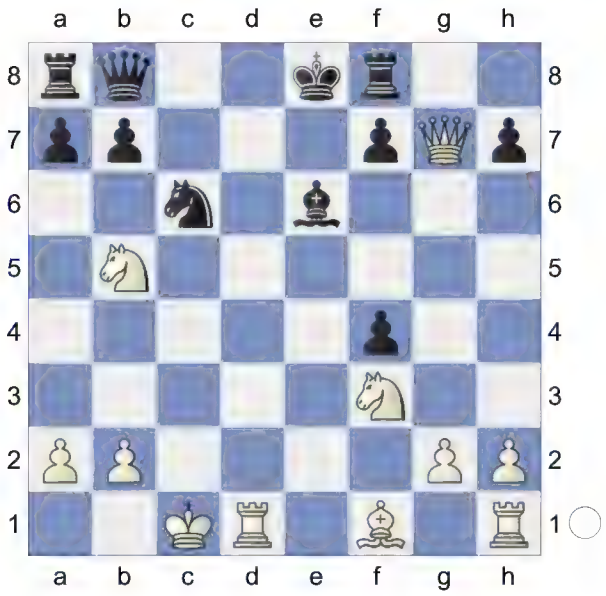
8...Nc6 9.Qf2 and c4-c5 would now be decisive **9...Bxd6** 2.67/19 This costs Black the game.
[9...Qxd6= 0.23/18 and Black stays safe. 10.a3 e5]

10.c5+- Nd5 and ...Qd8-a5+ would now be decisive **11.cxd6 Qxd6 12.Nc3 Nxf4?** 5.10/22
[12...0-0 3.01/18 was called for. 13.Be3 Rd8]

13.Nb5 White is clearly winning.

13...Qb8 14.Qg3 e5 9.89/20
[⌓14...Nh5 4.72/19]

15.Bxf4 exf4 16.Qxg7 Rf8 17.0-0-0 Be6



Inhibits Bf1-c4. **18.Bc4!** Decoy.
Weighted Error Value: White=0.37/ Black=1.28

1-0

84 **A03**
□ **Rendle,Thomas E** **2369**
■ **Howell,David W L** **2698**
3. Kings Place Open 2015 (6.3) 11.07.15
[Kitty Kat]

A03: Bird's Opening with 1...d5
Wells,Peter K: 'Wells,Peter K, MH: 'A03: Bird's Opening with 1...d5'' **1.f4 d5 2.Nf3 Bg4 3.e3 Nd7 4.h3 Bxf3 5.Qxf3 c6**
[5...e6 6.b3 Ngf6 7.Bb2 Bd6 8.Nc3 c6 9.g4 h6 10.h4 Nb6 11.g5 Nfd7 12.Ne2 e5 13.Bh3 Qe7 14.0-0-0 Ba3 15.Bxd7+ Nxd7 16.Kb1 Bxb2

17.Kxb2 0-0-0 18.d4 exd4 19.Nxd4 g6 20.Rhe1 Aleksandrov,A (2610)-Kunte,A (2568) Dubai 2001 CBM 083 [Wells,Peter K] 1-0 (40)]
[5...Ngf6 6.d4 Ne4 7.Nd2 Nxd2 8.Bxd2 e6 9.g4 c5 10.c3 h5 11.0-0-0 Qa5 12.Kb1 0-0-0 13.c4 Qb6 14.cxd5 hxg4 15.hxg4 Rxh1 16.Qxh1 cxd4 17.dxe6 Qxe6 18.f5 Qb6 19.exd4 Qxd4 20.Rc1+ Kjartansson,D (2224)-Fluvia Poyatos, J (2461) Balneario Vichy Catalan ESP 2002 10000 Comentadas [Gonzalez, Julio A] ½-½ (38)]

6.d4 e6 7.Bd3 Bd6N
[7...f5 8.g4 g6 9.c4 Qh4+ 10.Kd1 Ngf6 11.Bd2 fxg4 12.hxg4 Qxg4 13.Qxg4 Nxg4 14.Bxg6+ Kd8 15.Rxh7 Rg8 16.Bf7 Rg7 17.Rxg7 Bxg7 18.Bxe6 Chapter Part-Game Game 6]

8.0-0 The position is equal. **8...f5 9.c4 Ne7 10.Nc3 Nf6 11.Bd2 h5 12.Rab1 Ne4 13.Be1**
[Of course not 13.Nxe4 fxe4 14.Bxe4 dxe4 15.Qxe4 Qd7∓]

13...h4 14.b4 Kf7 15.b5 Qd7 16.Qe2 c5 17.cxd5
[17.dxc5 is more complex. Bxc5 18.Rd1 Nd6 19.Bc2]

17...exd5 18.dxc5 Nxc3 1.00/20
[18...Bxc5± 0.38/19 19.Bxe4 fxe4]

19.Bxc3± Bxc5 20.Bd4 0.60/18
[20.Kh1± 1.05/18]

20...Bxd4± 21.exd4 Ng6 22.Qc2 0.56/19
[22.b6± 0.99/20]

22...Kf6 1.13/21
[22...Rhc8± 0.56/19 23.Bxf5 Rxc2 24.Bxd7 Nf8]

23.b6 0.70/20
[23.Rbe1± 1.13/21]

23...Rac8 1.09/20
[23...a6± 0.70/20]

24.Qe2 0.76/21
[⌓24.Qb3 1.09/20 a6 25.Rbe1]

24...a6± 25.Rbc1 0.03/21
[25.Kh1± 0.81/20]

25...Qe6= 26.Qf2 -0.28/22
[⌓26.Qxe6+ 0.03/23 Kxe6 27.Rc5]

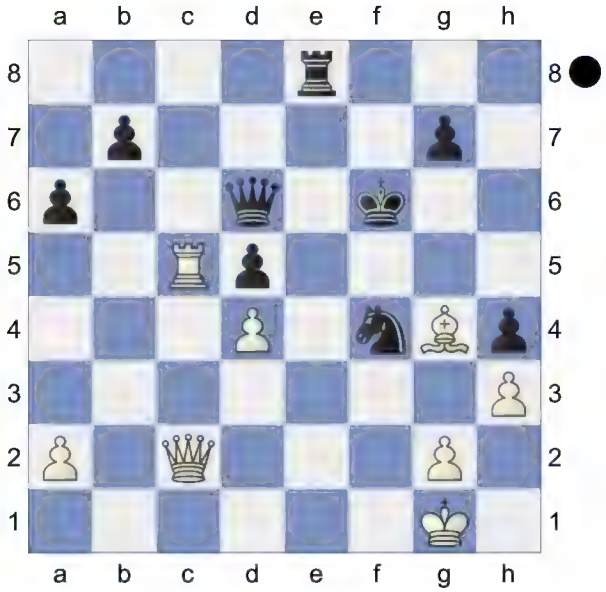
26...Rxc1 27.Rxc1 Qxb6 28.Rc5? -2.04/22 This move loses the game for White.
[28.Kh1∓ -0.32/22]

28...Qd6-+ 29.Qc2 -2.74/23
[⌓29.Bc2 -1.82/20]

29...Nxf4
[Stronger than 29...Qxf4 30.Rxd5 Ne7 31.Rd7∓]

30.Bxf5 -3.91/26
[30.Bf1 -2.77/21 keeps fighting.]

30...Re8 31.Bg4 -18.87/22
[31.Bd3 -3.80/24 Re1+ 32.Bf1 Ne2+ 33.Qxe2 Rxe2 34.Bxe2]



31...Nxh3+! 32.Kf1 Qf4+ 33.Bf3

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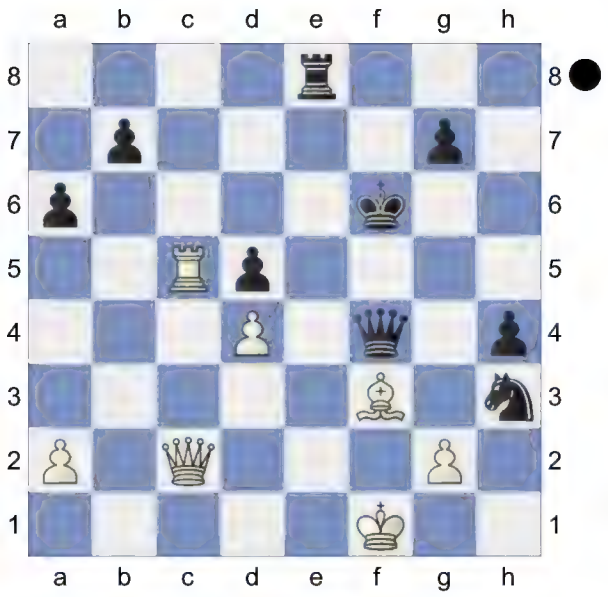
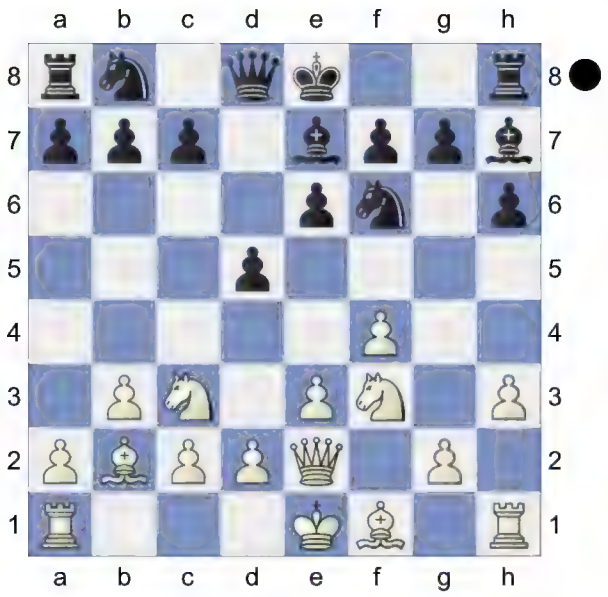


Ng5? -3.33/23
[33...Qg3! -22.78/26 34.Qe2 Rxe2 35.Kxe2 Qf2+ 36.Kd3 Nf4+ 37.Kc3 Nxg2 38.Bxd5 Qe3+ 39.Kc2 Ne1+ 40.Kb1 Qxd4]
34.Qd3? -19.45/25
[34.Rc8 -3.33/23 Rxc8 35.Qxc8]
34...Qg3 35.Rc1 Against Qe1+ **35...h3** (-> ...h2) **36.Qb3 h2 37.Qb6+ Re6**
Weighted Error Value: White=1.02/ Black=0.44
0-1

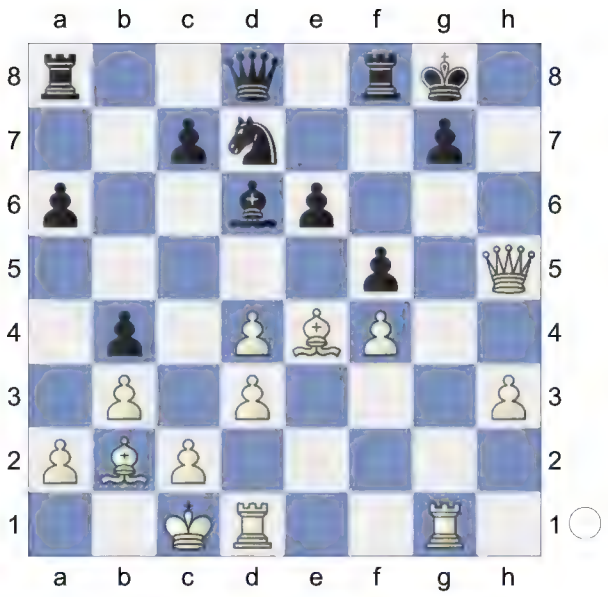
85 **A03**
□ **Caruana,Fabiano** **2782**
■ **Esmeraldas Huachi,Anderson** **2141**
Titled Tue 25th Jul Late blitz (7) 25.7.23
[Kitty Kat]

A03: Bird's Opening with 1...d5
1.f4 d5 2.b3 Nf6 3.Bb2 Bf5N
[3...d4 4.Nf3 Bg4 5.Nxd4 e5 6.fxe5 Ne4 7.g3 Bc5 8.c3 Nc6 9.Bg2 Nxd4 10.Bxe4 Bxe2 11.Qc1 Bf3 12.cxd4 Bxe4 13.Rf1 Be7 14.Nc3 Bd3 15.Ne2 Qd5 16.Kf2 Qe4 17.Re1 Bg5 18.Ng1 0-1 (34) Leistner,A-Mohonea,A corr 13.USA Championship/ 2001 Qf5+ 19.Nf3 Bh6 20.Qxc7 0-0 21.Qc1 Rac8 22.Bc3 Qh3 23.Qd1 f5 24.Bb4 f4 25.g4 Bg5 26.Kg1 Bh4 27.Nxh4 f3 28.Bxf8 Rxf8 29.Kf2 Qxh4+ 30.Ke3 Bg6 31.d3 f2 32.Kd2 fxe1Q+ 33.Qxe1 0-1 (34) Lahjo,K-Matikka,H ch-E/4 corr 1974]
[3...c6 4.Nf3 Bg4 5.Ne5 Bf5 6.e3 Nbd7 7.Be2 Nxe5 8.Bxe5 Nd7 9.Bb2 f6 10.0-0 Qc7 11.Nc3 0-0-0 12.b4 Bg6 13.b5 e5 14.bxc6 bxc6 15.Rb1 exf4 16.Ba6+ Kb8 17.Nxd5 1-0 Bosc,S (1861)-Thoue,J (1724) Vaujany op-B 10th 2019 (7)]
[3...c5 4.Nf3 g6 5.e3 Bg7 6.Bb5+ Nbd7 7.c4 0-0 8.cxd5 Nb6 9.0-0 Nbxd5 10.Nc3 Nb4 11.Ne5 Bf5 12.Be2 Nd7 13.Na4 Nxe5 14.Bxe5 Bxe5 15.fxe5 b6 16.Nb2 Qd7 17.a3 Nc6 18.d3 0-1 (33) Mueller,K (1357)-Scacco,M (2208) AR-2003-Q-00008 (1)]
4.h3 h6 5.e3 Bh7 -0.08/19
[5...e5∓ -0.49/18 was preferable.]
6.Nc3 e6 7.Nf3 Be7 8.Qe2 -0.98/18
[8.Bd3= -0.11/17]

(Diagram)



8...a6 -0.53/17
[8...Bxc2 9.d3±]
[8...c5!∓ -0.98/18 9.Qb5+ Nc6 10.Qxb7 Nb4 11.Bb5+ Kf8]
9.0-0-0∓ b5 0.10/18
[Black should play 9...c5∓ -0.49/18 10.d3 d4]
10.g4 b4 0.98/18
[10...c5= 0.03/17 remains equal.]
11.Na4 0-0 2.17/19
[11...c5± 0.81/17]
12.Rg1 And now g4-g5 would win.
12...Ne4 13.d3 1.33/19
[13.g5+- 1.83/19]
13...Nc5 1.91/20
[13...Nc3± 1.33/19 was worth a try. 14.Nxc3 *(14.Bxc3 bxc3 15.d4 Nc6=)* 14...bxc3]
14.Nxc5+- Bxc5 15.g5 hxg5 4.47/20
Black cannot hold the game after this.
[15...h5± 1.39/18 is more resistant.]
16.Nxg5 d4 7.52/18
[⩲16...g6 4.57/20 17.h4 Be7]
17.Nxh7 Kxh7 18.Qh5+ Kg8 19.Bg2 Nd7 20.Be4 f5 21.exd4
White threatens Rg1xg7+! and mate.
21...Bd6
(Diagram)



22.Rxg7+!! Decoy, Clearance **22...Kxg7 23.Rg1+**
[Weaker is 23.Bxa8 Bxf4+ 24.Kb1 Qg5 25.Qxg5+ Bxg5+-]
23...Kf6 24.d5+ Ke7 25.Rg7+
Weighted Error Value: White=0.31/ Black=1.25
1-0

86 **A03**
□ **Nguyen,Piotr** **2399**
■ **Katsanis,Vasileios Dim** **2217**
35th International Chess Festival CRAC..
[Kitty Kat]

A03: Bird's Opening with 1...d5
A03: Bird's Opening with 1...d5 Inf 109/ (1) Cyrus Lakdawala,MH: 'A03: Bird's Opening with 1...d5 'ELEPHANT GAMBIT
MITTELGAMBIT IM NACHZUGE
1.f4 d5 2.Nf3 Nf6 3.g3 c5 4.Bg2 g6 5.0-0 Bg7 6.d3 0-0 The main line 6...0-0 scores better than 6...Nc6. Die Hauptvariante 6...0-0 punktet besser als 6...Sc6. **7.Ne5N**

[7.Nc3 d4 8.Na4 Nfd7 9.Ng5 Na6 10.f5 Rb8 11.c4 Ne5 12.fxg6 Nxg6 13.e4 Ne5 14.Bf4 Bg4 15.Qd2 Bd7 16.Bxe5 Bxe5 17.Qd1 f6 18.Qh5 fxg5 19.Qxg5+ Bg7 20.Rxf8+ Kxf8 21.Nxc5 Nxc5 Breitenstein,E-Leisebein,P DESC 2004 CBM 112 [Leisebein] 0-1 (46)]

[7.Qe1 Bg4 *(7...Nc6 8.e4 dxe4 9.dxe4 e5 10.Nc3 Nd4 11.Qd2 exf4 12.gxf4 Qb6 13.e5 Rd8 14.Nxd4 Rxd4 15.Qe2 Ng4 16.h3 Nh6 17.Be3 Qxb2 18.Bxd4 cxd4 19.Nd5 Bf5 20.Ne7+ Kh8 21.Nxf5 Nxf5 22.Rfb1* Melnikov,D-Kazakovskiy,V St Petersburg 2013 Bird MBM [Cyrus Lakdawala] 1-0 (35)*)* 8.e4 Nc6 9.e5 Nd7 10.Nc3 Bxf3 11.Bxf3 e6 12.Ne2 f6 13.exf6 Qxf6 14.c3 Rae8 15.Be3 Qe7 16.Qd2 d4 17.cxd4 cxd4 18.Bf2 e5 19.Rae1 Qd6 20.Qd1 Kh8 21.Bg2 Nc5 Harsha,B (2527)-Zhigalko,S (2662) Almaty 2022 0-1 (41)]

[7.c3 Nc6 8.Qe1 d4 9.Na3 Nd5 10.Bd2 Re8 11.Nc4 b6 12.e4 dxe3 13.Nxe3 Bb7 14.f5 Nxe3 15.Qxe3 gxf5 16.Rae1 e6 17.Ng5 Qd7 18.Nh3 Ne5 19.Bxb7 Qxb7 20.Nf4 Rad8 21.Bc1 Ng4 Xiong,J (2692)-Araujo Sanchez,J (2303) Chess.com INT 2022 CBM 211 Extra [MH] 0-1 (50)]

7...Nbd7 8.Nxd7 Bxd7 9.e4 Black has an edge. **9...dxe4 10.dxe4 Bb5 11.Re1 e5 12.Nc3 Bc6 13.Be3N**

[13.Qf3 exf4 14.Bxf4 Qb6 *(14...Nh5!?)* 15.Rab1 Rfe8 -0.01/19 *(15...Rad8∓* -0.51/20 *)* 16.h3 -0.96/20 *(16.Nd5=* -0.01/19 remains equal. *Nxd5 17.exd5)* 16...Nh5 17.Be3 Be5 -0.29/20 *(*Black should try *17...Bd4∓* -0.80/19 *)* 18.Ne2 -1.60/19 *(18.g4!=* -0.29/20 keeps the balance. *Nf6 19.Nd5 Nxd5 20.exd5)* 18...Bxe4 -0.78/21 *(⌓18...Qa5* -1.60/19 And now ...Nf6 would win. *19.Qf2 Nf6 20.Bxc5 Bxe4)* 19.Qxe4∓ Bxg3 0.60/20 0-1 Galchenko,M (2438)-Abdukhakimov,A (2354) Titled Tuesday intern op 25th Jun Late blitz 2024 (1) *(* Black should play *19...Bd4!∓* -0.77/22 *20.Qxb7 Bxe3+ 21.Kh2 Rad8 22.Qxb6 axb6)*]

13...b6 14.Qe2 exf4 15.gxf4 Black must now prevent e5. **15...Nh5 16.e5 Bxg2 17.Qxg2 Qd7 18.Rad1 Qf5 19.Nd5** Strongly threatening Ne7+. **19...Rae8** Prevents Ne7+. **20.Bc1 Kh8! 21.Qe4↑** White has good play. **21...Qc8 22.b3 Qg4+ 23.Kh1**

[23.Qg2!? Qf5 24.Qe2±]

23...Bh6 24.Rd3 Re6 0.95/21 Black is on the road to losing.

[24...b5± 0.63/18]

25.Bd2 Ree8 26.c4 Bg7 27.Bc3 &Bianco is more active. **27...Re6** 2.45/22

[27...f5± 1.28/20 28.Qe3 Qh4]

28.a4 Bh6 1.84/22

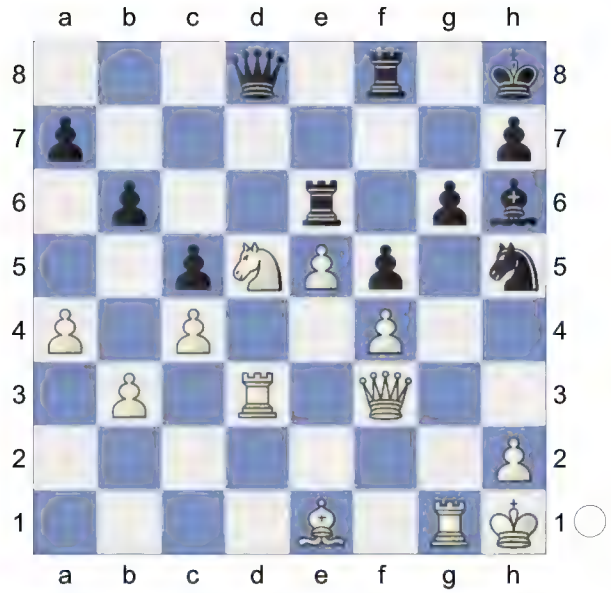
[28...f5± 1.53/23 29.Qe3 Bh6]

29.Rg1+- Qh4 30.Be1 f5 31.Qf3

[Inferior is 31.Bxh4 fxe4 32.Nc7 exd3∓]

31...Qd8

(Diagram)



32.Nf6! Qc8 3.87/21
[32...Qa8 1.90/23 was worth a try.]
33.Nxh5 gxh5 34.Bh4 Threatens to win with Rd6. **34...Rg6 35.Bf6+ Kg8?** 7.35/22
[35...Rgxf6 2.79/21 36.exf6 Qe6]
36.Qd5+ Rf7 37.Rdg3 Qe8 38.Rxg6+ hxg6 39.Rxg6+ Kh7 40.Rg1
[Weaker is 40.Qg2 Rd7 41.Rxh6+ Kxh6 42.Qg5+ Kh7+-]
40...Bg7? 14.53/27
[40...h4 3.82/21 41.Qf3 Rd7 42.Bxh4 Rg7 43.Rxg7+ Bxg7]

(Diagram)

41.Qxf7!!
Weighted Error Value: White=0.20 (precise) /Black=0.19 (very precise)
1-0

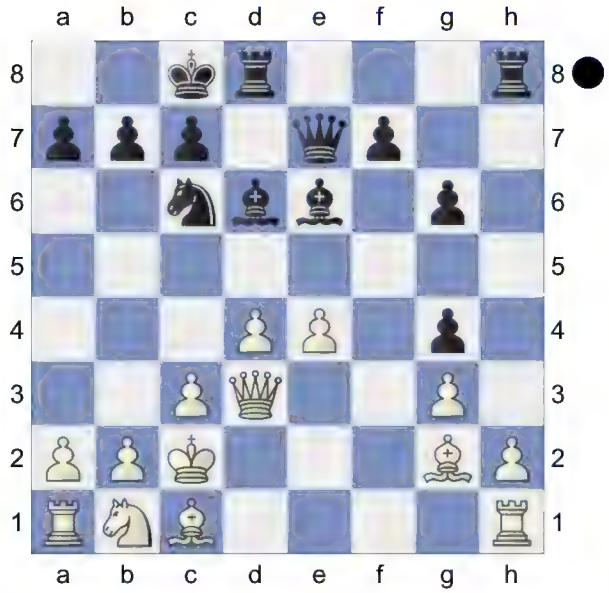
87 **A02**
□ **Nikolic,Predrag** **2635**
■ **Timman,Jan H** **2635**
NED-ch53 Rotterdam (7) 28.06.1998
[Kitty Kat]

A02: Bird's Opening
1.f4 e5 2.fxe5 d6 3.exd6 Bxd6 4.Nf3 g5 5.g3 g4 6.Nh4 Ne7 7.d4 Ng6 8.Nxg6 hxg6 9.Qd3 Nc6 10.c3 Bf5 11.e4 Qe7 12.Bg2 Black should prevent Qe2. **12...0-0-0 13.Kd1N** -0.16/20
[13.Be3± 0.39/18 Bd7 *(13...Be6 14.Bf2 f5 15.Nd2 Qf7 16.0-0-0 Bxa2 17.Qb5 fxe4 18.Bxe4 Rhe8 19.Be3 Rxe4 20.Nxe4 Bc4 21.Qg5 Be2 22.Nxd6+ Rxd6 23.Rhe1 Rd5 24.Rxe2 Rxg5 25.Bxg5 Qf5 26.Bd2 b6 27.Rde1 Na5 28.Re4* Rendle,T (2370)-Kotronias,V (2585) Caleta ENG 2005 [John Watson] 0-1 (37))

14.Kf2 *(14.e5 Bxe5 15.0-0 Bg7=)*]
[13.Bf4 Bxf4 14.gxf4 Rh3 15.Qe2 Bxe4 16.Bxe4 f5 17.Nd2 Qh4+ 18.Qf2 fxe4 19.Qxh4 Rxh4 20.Kf2 Rdh8 21.Kg2 Ne7 22.Rae1 Nd5 23.Nxe4 Rh3 24.Nf2 Nxf4+ 25.Kg1 R3h4 26.Ne4 Rf8 27.Rf1 Rh3 Poel,E-Hendriks,R K-15 1985 UltraCorr3a [RR] 0-1 (31)]
[13.0-0 Ne5 Qxb2-Vladimir Kramnik Jan Krzysz Belgrad 2018 130 Mareco [Moreno,Ale] 14.Qd1 Nf3+ 15.Bxf3 gxf3 16.exf5 Rxh2 17.Qxf3 Rh3 18.Bf4 Bxf4 19.Qxf4 Rdh8 20.Qf3 Qg5 21.Kf2 Rh2+ 22.Kg1 Rh1+ 0-1 (22) Antoshin,V-Panchenko,A CI1-130 [Panchenko,Alexander N]]

13...Be6= Black has compensation.

14.Kc2? -1.57/20
[14.Bd2= -0.01/18]



14...Rh5? 0.38/19
[14...Bc5!∓ -1.57/20 White must now prevent ...Rxd4! 15.Qe2 *(15.Nd2 Bxd4)* 15...Bxd4!]

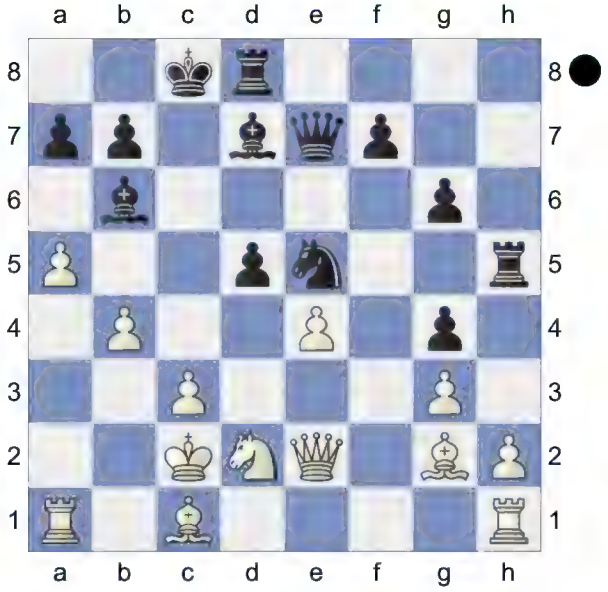
15.Nd2 -0.11/18
[15.Be3± 0.38/19 might be stronger.]

15...Bc5! 16.d5⇄ White is not keeping still **16...Ne5 17.Qe2 Bd7 18.a3** -0.91/18
[18.Nb3∓ -0.52/18 is superior.]

18...c6 -0.20/18
[Better is 18...Rdh8∓ -0.91/18 19.Nf1 f6]

19.b4! Bb6 20.a4 -1.10/20
[20.c4= -0.18/18 keeps the balance.]

20...cxd5∓ 21.a5

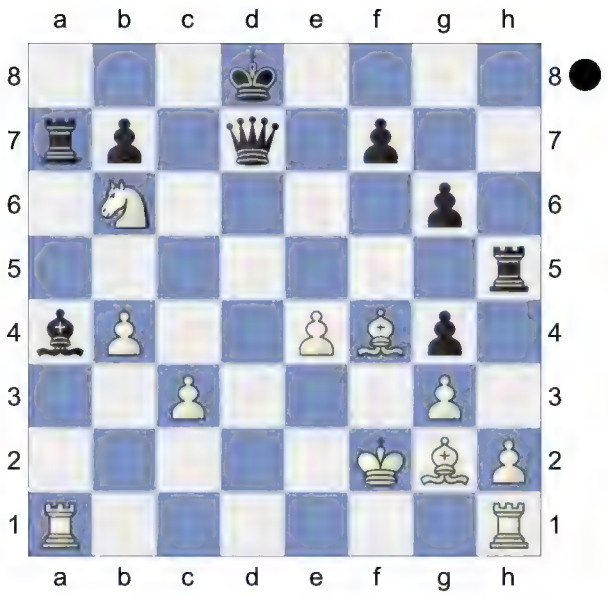


d4! 22.axb6 d3+ 23.Qxd3 Nxd3 24.bxa7

(Diagram)

Kc7! 25.Kxd3 Ba4+ -0.78/21
[25...Ra8-+ -1.62/20 is more deadly. Strongly threatening ...Qd6+. 26.Nb3 Ba4! 27.Bf4+ Kc8]
26.Ke2 Qd7
[Reject 26...Qe5?! 27.Nc4 Qb5 28.Kf2=]
27.Kf2 -1.41/21
[⌓27.Nc4 -1.06/22 Qd3+ 28.Kf2]
27...Ra8 28.Nc4 Rxa7 Hoping for ... Qc6. **29.Bf4+ Kd8** Threatens to win with ...Qc8. **30.Nb6?** -4.12/22
[30.Ra2∓ -1.44/18 Qe6 31.Rd2+ Ke8 32.Nd6+ Kf8 33.Rc1]

(Diagram)



Inhibits Qc8. Now White is beyond hope.
30...Qc6!-+ 31.Nd5 -5.49/20
[31.Nxa4 -3.89/22 was necessary. Rxa4 32.Rxa4 Qxa4 33.Rc1]

31...Rxd5! 32.exd5 Qb6+
[Weaker is 32...Qxc3 33.Rhe1∓]
33.Be3 Qf6+ 34.Ke2? -5.66/25
[34.Kg1 -3.42/23 Qxc3 35.Bb6+ Ke8 36.Rf1]
34...Bb5+ Black is clearly winning.
35.Kd2 Rxa1 36.Rxa1 Qf5 37.c4 Bxc4 (-> ...Qd3+) **38.Ra3** Inhibits

Qd3+. **38...Qb1** aiming for ...Qb2+. **39.Rc3 Bb3 40.Bg5+ Kd7 41.Rd3 Qc2+ 42.Ke3 Qxg2 43.Rxb3 Qf3+** Weighted Error Value: White=0.57/ Black=0.29 (precise) . An unexpected result.
½-½

88 **A03**
□ **Bellmann,Herbert** **2360**
■ **Roedl,Josef** **2380**
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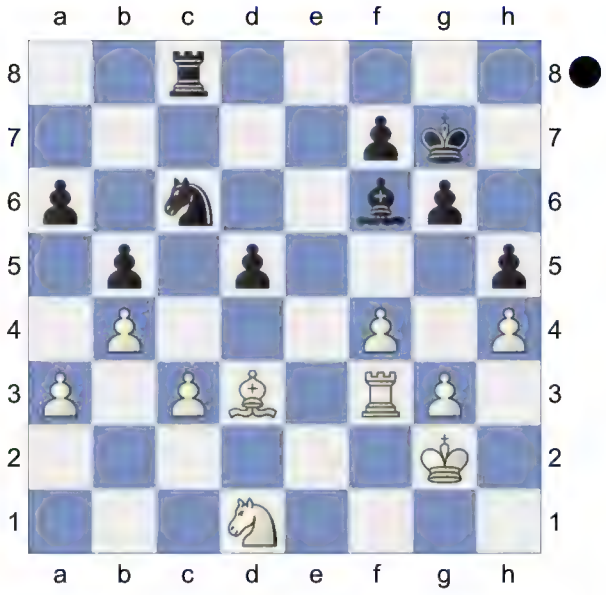
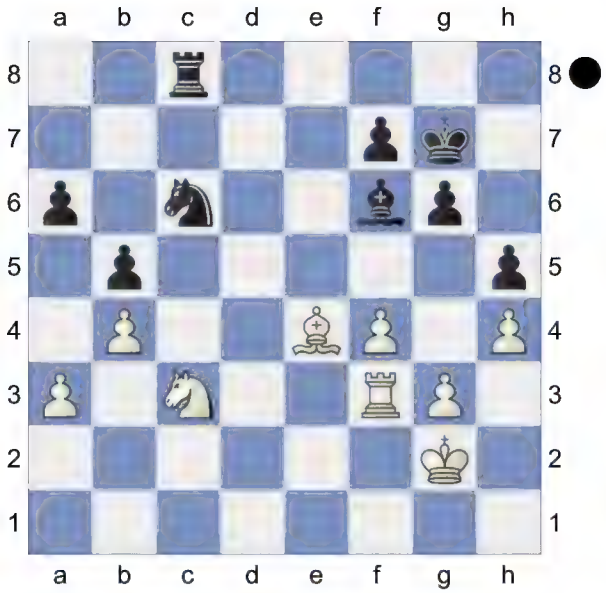
[Kitty Kat]

A03: Bird's Opening with 1...d5
TonyK: 'TonyK, MH: 'A03: Bird's Opening with 1...d5" **1.f4 d5 2.e3 g6 3.Nc3N**
[3.Nf3 Bg7 *(3...Nf6 4.Be2 Bg7 5.0-0 0-0 6.Qe1 c5 7.d3 Nc6 8.Bd1 b6 9.a4 Bb7 10.c3 Re8 11.Qg3 Ba6 12.Be2 e5 13.Nxe5 Nxe5 14.fxe5 Nd7 15.Na3 Nxe5 16.Nb5 Bb7 17.d4 a6 18.Na3* Rasidovic,S (2303)-Fressinet,L (2640) Izmir TUR 2004 [TonyK] 0-1 (40)*)* 4.Be2 Nh6 5.0-0 0-0 6.d4 *(6.Qe1 Nd7 7.Nc3 c6 8.d3 Nf5 9.g4 Nd6 10.Qg3 Re8 11.Ne5 f5 12.h3 Nxe5 13.fxe5 Nf7 14.d4 Be6 15.g5 Nh8 16.Bf3 Bf7 17.Ne2 e6 18.b3 h5 19.Nf4 Kh7 20.Ba3 Bf8* Ilipartanen,J (2240)-5.♗c6 dc6 6.h3 ♗e6_54232 (2197) Game 1 2009 CBM 12 [Dragan Solak] 1-0 (35) *)* 6...Nd7 7.Na3 c6 8.c4 Nf6 9.Ne5 Ne4 10.Qb3 e6 11.Nb1 f6 12.Nf3 b6 13.Nc3 f5 14.Ne5 Qd6 15.Nxe4 fxe4 16.Bd2 c5 17.Rac1 Nf7 8.♕e2 b5 9.♖d1-Tarrasch,S USSR 32/(89) 2001 ZUS C73 [John Watson] 0-1 (38)]
3...Bg7 4.d4 Nf6 5.Bd3 c5 6.Nf3 Nc6 7.dxc5 0-0 8.0-0 Black is slightly better. **8...Qa5 9.a3 Bg4 10.Rb1 Qxc5 11.b4 Qd6**
[But not 11...Qxc3 12.Bb2 Ne4 13.Bxc3±]
12.Bb2 Rad8 13.h3 Bxf3 14.Qxf3 e5 aiming for ...e4. **15.Qf2 exf4 16.exf4 Rfe8 17.Rbe1** -0.41/19 Prevents Ne4.
[17.Nb5= 0.01/20 Qb8 18.f5]
17...a6 18.Nd1 h6 19.Bc3 Qd7 20.Qh4 Qd6 21.Bxf6 -0.39/21
[21.Qf2= -0.01/19 was preferrable.]
21...Qxf6∓ 22.Rxe8+ Rxe8 23.Qxf6 Bxf6 24.g3 b5 25.h4 h5 26.Kg2 Kg7 27.c3 Rc8 28.Rf3 -1.04/22
[28.Rf2!∓ -0.41/22]



28...d4!∓ Black is better. **29.Be4 dxc3 30.Nxc3**

(Diagram)



Nxb4! 31.axb4 Hoping for Nd5.
[31.Nxb5 axb5]
31...Rxc3 32.Rxc3
Weighted Error Value: White=0.08 (flawless) /Black=0.06 (flawless)
½-½

89 **A03**
□ **Meier,Ekkehard** **2600**
■ **Grankin,F** **2675**
NATT3-07 9094 (1.1) 07.05.1998
[Kitty Kat]

A03: Bird's Opening with 1...d5
1.f4 d5 2.Nf3 g6 3.g3 Bg7 4.Bg2 c6 5.Nc3
[5.0-0 Bg4 6.Ne5 h5 7.h3 Be6 8.d3 Nh6 9.Qe1 Nd7 10.Nf3 Qb6+ 11.Kh1 d4 12.Nbd2 Nf5 13.Ne4 Bd5 14.c4 dxc3 15.bxc3 Nc5 16.Nh4 Nxh4 17.gxh4 Nxe4 18.dxe4 Bc4 19.Ba3 Qa5 Aronian,L (2752)-Topalov,V (2801) Monte Carlo MNC 2006 [V.Barsky (www.chesstoday.net)] 1-0 (51)]
[5.d3 Qb6 6.c3 Nf6 7.Qb3 0-0 8.Nbd2 Nbd7 9.d4 Ng4 10.Nf1 f6 11.h3 Nh6 12.g4 Nf7 13.e3 e5 14.Ng3 Nd6 15.0-0 e4 16.Nd2 f5 17.g5 Qc7 18.h4 a5 19.a4 b6 Perea Fruet,L (2362)-Le,Q (2739) Chess.com INT 2025 0-1 (47)]
5...d4N
[5...Qb6 6.d4 Nd7 7.0-0 Nh6 8.e3 0-0 9.b3 Nf5 10.a4 Nf6 11.Ne5 h5 12.a5 Qc7 13.Re1 Nd6 14.Ba3 Bf5 15.h3 Qc8 16.Kh2 Re8 17.Na4 Nfe4 18.Qe2 f6 19.Nd3 Nf7 20.Nac5 Stremavicius,T (2202)-Labeckas,K (2354) Vilnius LTU 2013 CT 1-5000 [Alex Baburin (www.chesstoday.net)] ½-½ (90)]
6.Ne4 Nf6 7.Nf2 c5 8.0-0 The position is equal. **8...Nc6 9.e4! dxe3 10.dxe3 Qxd1 11.Rxd1 0-0 12.c3 e5 13.Ng5 c4 14.h3 Re8 15.Bd2 h6 16.Nf3** -0.39/19
[16.Nge4= 0.00/23 should be considered.]
16...Be6 -0.08/22
[16...a5∓ -0.39/19]
17.e4= Nd7 18.Be3 Bf8 19.Nh4 exf4 20.gxf4 aiming for f5. **20...Bc5** 0.87/20
[20...Rad8= 0.10/21 remains equal.]
21.Bxc5± Nxc5 22.f5 g5 23.fxe6 gxh4 24.exf7+ Kxf7 25.Rd5 b6 26.Ng4 Inhibits Ne5. **26...Re6 27.Rf1+ Kg6 28.e5** Strongly threatening Rd6. **28...h5** 1.67/23
[28...Rd8± 0.91/22]

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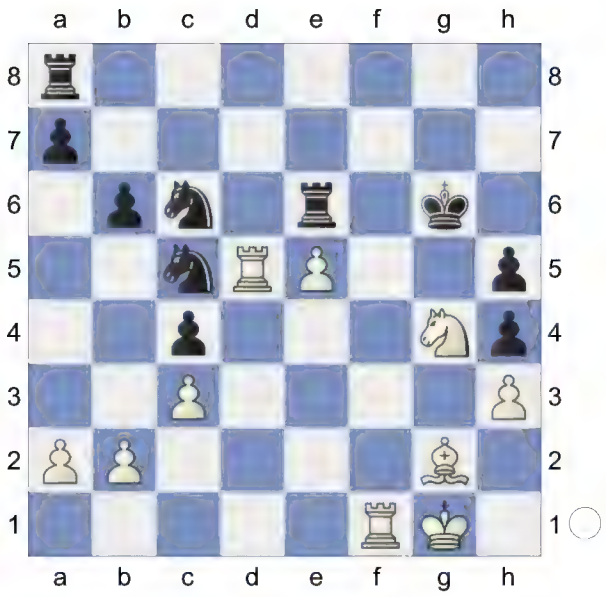
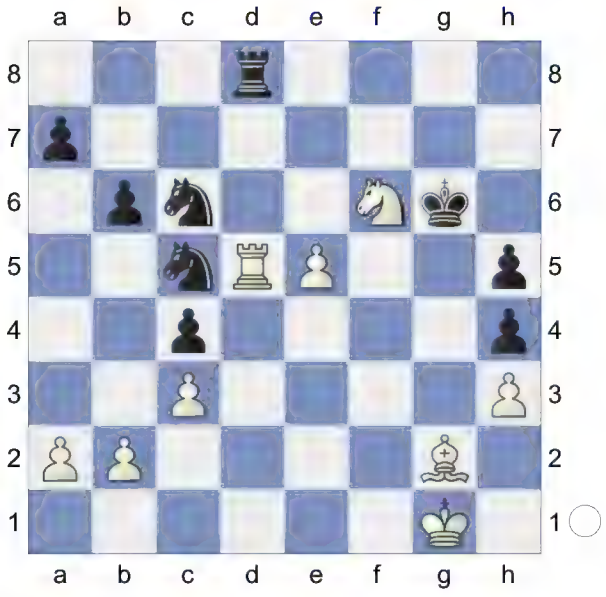
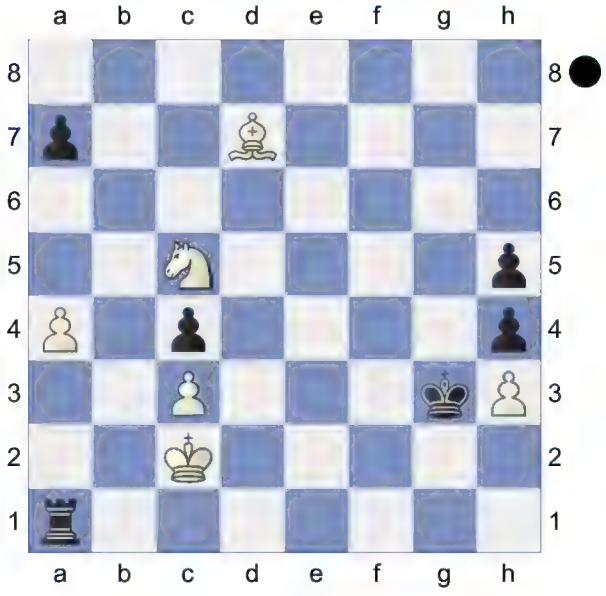


29.Rf6+ 0.17/25
[29.Rd6!+- 1.67/23 Rxd6 30.exd6 hxg4 31.Bxc6]
29...Rxf6= 30.Nxf6 Rd8 2.44/25
[30...Rc8± 0.32/23]

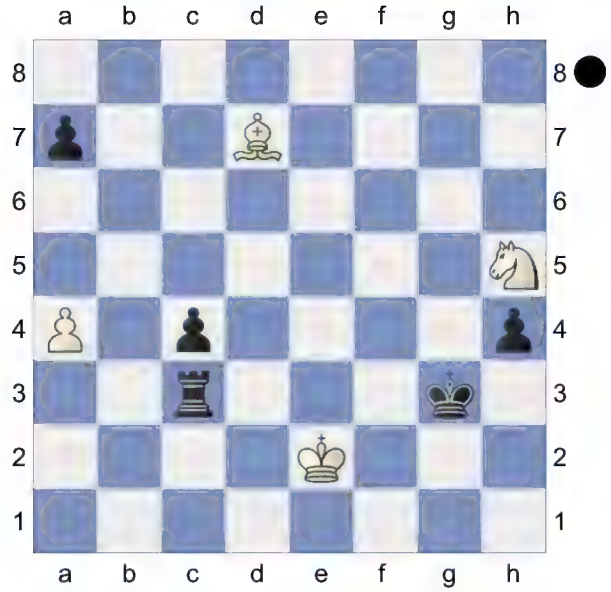


31.Rxc5!+- Rd1+
[31...bxc5 32.Bxc6]
32.Kf2 bxc5± Endgame KRN-KBN
33.Be4+? 0.01/26
[White must play 33.Bxc6+- 1.75/27 Kf5 34.Nd5 *(34.Nxh5 Kxe5 35.Kf3 Rd2∓)* 34...Kxe5 35.Ne3 Rd2+ 36.Kf3]
33...Kf7= 34.Bxc6 Ke6! 35.Ne4 Hoping for Nd6.
[Much weaker is 35.Nxh5 Kxe5 36.a4 Rd2+ 37.Kf3 Rxb2∓]
35...Kxe5 36.a4 -1.26/26
[36.Ke2!= -0.01/27 Rb1 37.Kf3]
36...Kf4!∓ 37.Nxc5 -0.96/28
[White should try 37.Ke2 -1.30/28 Rb1 38.Nxc5]
37...Rd2+ 38.Ke1 -1.53/26
[⌓38.Kf1 -0.81/25]
38...Rxb2 Threatens to win with ...Ke3.
39.Kd1 Rb6 Black has strong compensation. **40.Bg2** -2.14/25
[40.Be4∓ -0.81/24]
40...Rb1+? -0.47/25
[40...Ke3-+ -2.14/25 41.Be4 Rf6]
41.Kc2∓ Ra1 -0.93/26
[⌓41...Re1 -1.39/26 42.Kd2 Re5]
42.Bc6 -2.02/25
[42.Bd5∓ -0.93/26 was necessary.]
42...Kg3-+ 43.Bd7



Re1 Prevents Ne4+. **44.Ne6 Kxh3 45.Nf4+ Kh2 46.Nxh5 Re2+ 47.Kc1 Rf2** Inhibits Nf4. **48.Kd1 Rf3 49.Ke2 Rxc3 50.Nf4 Kg3** -1.44/22
[50...Ra3-+ -2.48/23 51.Ne6 Kg3]

51.Nh5+∓

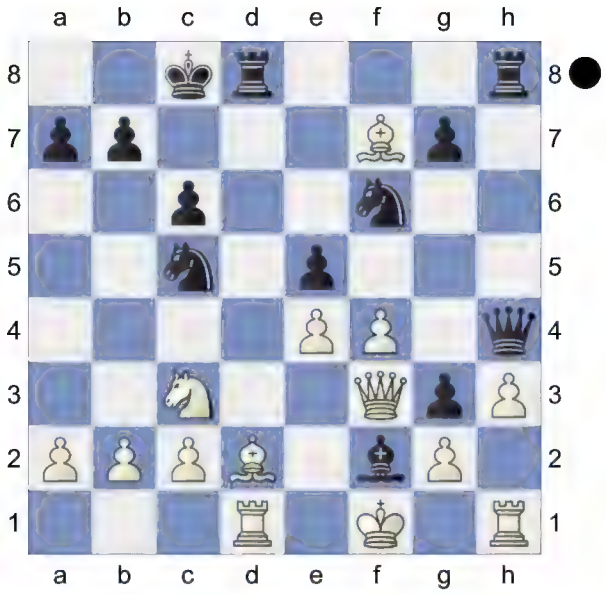


Kh2 0.01/21
[51...Kg2!∓ -1.38/29 ...Rb3 is the strong threat. 52.Bc6+ Kh2]
52.Nf4= Ra3 53.Kf2 c3 And now ...c2 would win. **54.Ke3 Ra1 55.Bf5 Rxa4 56.Ne2 Rc4 57.Bc2 Kg2** Black used his chance.
Weighted Error Value: White=0.28 (precise) /Black=0.26 (precise)
0-1

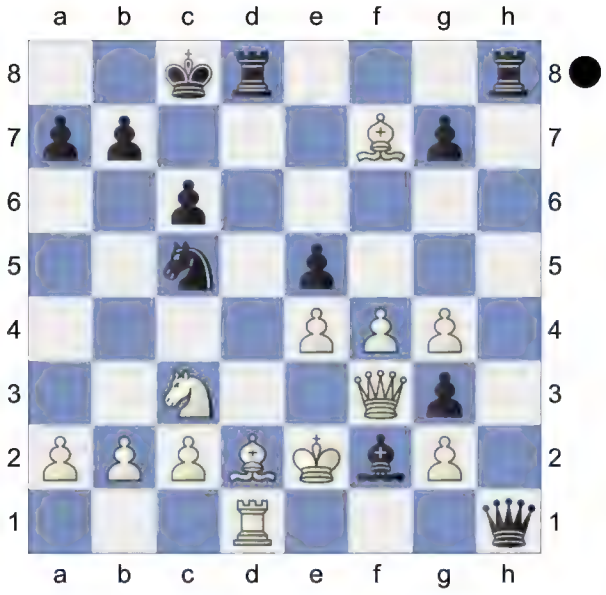
90 **A03**
□ **Dardha,Daniel** **2613**
■ **Tasev,Dejan** **2205**
Titled Tuesday intern op 17th Jan Early b..
[Kitty Kat]

A03: Bird's Opening with 1...d5
Wells,Peter K: 'Wells,Peter K, MH: 'A03: Bird's Opening with 1...d5'' **1.f4 d5 2.Nf3 Bg4 3.Ne5**
[3.e3 Nd7 4.h3 Bxf3 5.Qxf3 e6 6.b3 Ngf6 7.Bb2 Bd6 8.Nc3 c6 9.g4 h6 10.h4 Nb6 11.g5 Nfd7 12.Ne2 e5 13.Bh3 Qe7 14.0-0-0 Ba3 15.Bxd7+ Nxd7 16.Kb1 Bxb2 17.Kxb2 0-0-0 Aleksandrov,A (2610)-Kunte,A (2568) Dubai 2001 CBM 083 [Wells,Peter K] 1-0 (40)]
3...h5
[3...Bh5 4.c4 dxc4 5.g4 f6 6.Bg2 fxe5 7.Bxb7 Nd7 8.gxh5 Rb8 9.Bc6 e6 10.Qa4 exf4 11.Qxc4 Ne7 12.Bg2 Rb6 13.0-0 Nf5 14.d4 Nf6 15.Kh1 Qxd4 16.Qxc7 Bd6 17.Qc3 0-0 18.Qxd4 Von Hauff,C-Drescher,A (1532) BdF-Schachserver 2018 Kommentierte Partien2024 [Stockfish9] 0-1 (38)]
4.d3N
[4.h3 Bf5 5.Nc3 Nf6 6.e3 e6 7.g3 Ne4 8.Nxe4 Bxe4 9.Rg1 Nd7 10.d3 Bf5 11.g4 Qh4+ 12.Kd2 Nxe5 13.fxe5 hxg4 14.hxg4 Qh2+ 15.Be2 Bg6 16.d4 f6 17.Qf1 fxe5 18.Rg2 Qh7 Krahl,W (755)-Becker,T www.desc-online.de 1999 UltraCorr3a [Fritz 6 (30s)] 0-1]
4...Nd7 5.Nxg4 hxg4 6.e4 dxe4 7.dxe4 g3 8.h3 Black has an edge. **8...e5! 9.Qf3! Qh4 10.Nc3 Bc5! 11.Bb5 c6 12.Bc4 Ngf6 13.Bd2 Bf2+ 14.Kf1 0-0-0 15.Rd1 Nc5 16.Bxf7** -1.73/23
[16.Be2∓ -1.20/21 keeps fighting.]

(Diagram)



16...Ng4!-+ 17.hxg4 Qxh1+ 18.Ke2



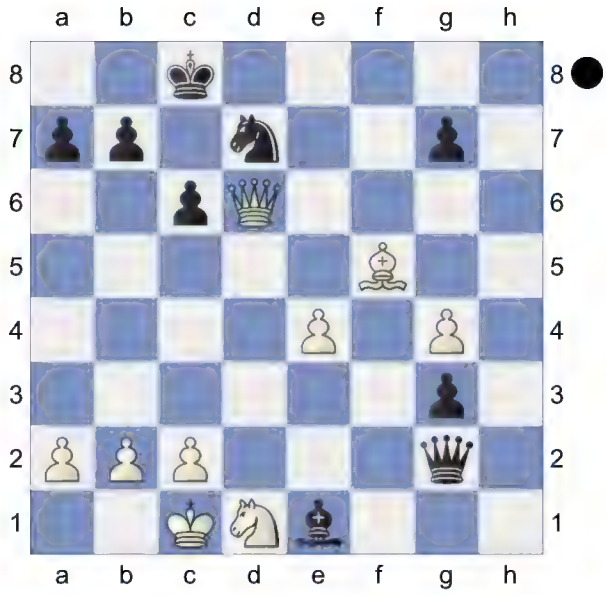
Rxd2+! -0.82/5 **19.Kxd2∓ Rd8+ 20.Kc1! Rxd1+** -0.18/23

[20...Qh6∓ -0.50/23 might be stronger. 21.g5 Rxd1+ 22.Nxd1 Qh4]

21.Nxd1= The position is equal. **21...exf4 22.Qxf4** And now b4 would win. **22...Qxg2 23.Bg6 Be1 24.Bf5+ Nd7 25.Bxd7+**

[25.Qd6?

(Diagram)



Qd2+! 26.Qxd2 Bxd2+ 27.Kxd2 g2-+]

25...Kxd7 26.Qf7+ Kd6⇄ Black is not keeping still **27.Qf4+ Ke6 28.Qf5+ Ke7 29.Qe5+ Kf7 30.Qf5+**

[Don't blunder 30.Kb1? Qd2 31.Qh5+ g6 32.Qh7+ Kf6 33.e5+ Kg5 34.Qe7+ *(34.Nc3? Qe3-+)* 34...Kxg4 35.Qe6+ Kh5 36.Qh3+ Kg5-+]

30...Kg8 31.Qc8+

[31.Kb1 Qd2 32.Qe6+ *(32.Nc3? g2-+)* 32...Kh7 33.Qf5+ g6 34.Qf7+ Kh6 35.Qf8+ Kg5 36.Qe7+ Kxg4 37.Qe6+ Kf3 38.Qb3+ Kg2 39.Ne3+ Kh1-+]

31...Kh7 32.Qf5+ g6 33.Qf7+ Kh6 34.Qf4+ Kg7 35.Qc7+ Kh6 36.Qf4+ Kg7 37.Qc7+ Kh6 (-> ...Qd2+) **38.Qf4+**

Weighted Error Value: White=0.05 (flawless) /Black=0.04 (flawless) . Loss on time!?

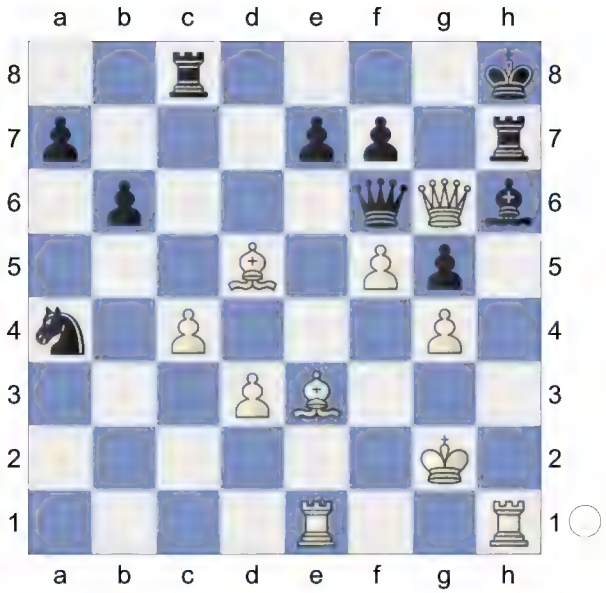
1-0

91 **A03**
□ **Jakubiec,Artur** **2532**
■ **Nestorovic,Nikola** **2474**
1. Crakow Closed GM (9.3) 10.07.2011
[Kitty Kat]

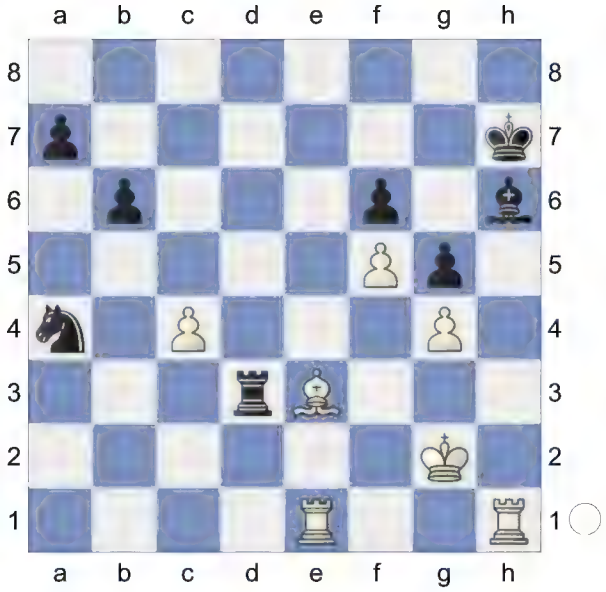
A03: Bird's Opening with 1...d5
A03: Bird's Opening with 1...d5 Inf 109/(1) **1.f4 c5 2.Nf3 Nf6 3.g3 g6 4.Bg2 Bg7 5.0-0 0-0 6.d3 d5 7.Qe1 Nc6 8.c3 b6**
[8...d4 9.Na3 Nd5 *(9...Rb8 10.Nc4 dxc3 11.bxc3 b5 12.Nce5 Nxe5 13.fxe5 Nd5* 7) 1.f4-1.f4 #11 Life Lifetime Repertoires: Sidelines and Fla 2024 *)* 10.Bd2 Re8 11.Nc4 b6 12.e4 dxe3 13.Nxe3 Bb7 14.f5 Nxe3 15.Qxe3 gxf5 16.Rae1 e6 17.Ng5 Qd7 18.Nh3 Ne5 19.Bxb7 Qxb7 20.Nf4 Rad8 21.Bc1 Ng4 22.Qe2 Nf6 23.Rf3 0-1 (50) Xiong,J (2692)-Araujo Sanchez,J (2303) Titled Tuesday intern op 22nd Nov Late blitz 2022 (1)]
9.h3 Ba6N
[9...Qc7 10.Na3 Ba6 11.g4 e6 12.Bd2 Rad8 13.Rc1 Qe7 14.Qg3 Nd7 15.Rb1 e5 16.fxe5 Ndxe5 17.Nc2 Nxf3+ 18.Bxf3 Ne5 19.Bg2 Bb7 20.Rf2 a5 21.Rbf1 d4 22.c4 Bxg2 23.Qxg2 Rd6 24.Na3 (42) Exchange Gruenfeld: Modern Ma, 1-Noshin,A It Cannes (France) 1998 Re6 25.Nb5 g5 26.Qh2 h6 27.Rg2 Ng6 28.Qc7 Rxe2 29.Qxe7 Rxe7 30.Nd6 Re6 31.Nf5 Kh7 32.a3 a4 33.b4 axb3 34.Rb1 Rfe8 35.Rxb3 Be5 36.a4 Bf4 37.a5 Be3+ 38.Kf1 Nf4 39.Rh2 (42) Chapter-Games Chapter 6 (3)]
10.Na3 Rc8 11.Rb1 Black is slightly better. **11...d4 12.c4 Nb4** 0.01/19
[12...Bb7∓ -0.39/17]
13.Bd2= Nc6 14.Nc2 Bb7 15.b4 cxb4 16.Nxb4 Nd7 Prevents Nf3-e5 **17.g4 Nxb4 18.Bxb4 Re8 19.Qf2 Nc5 20.f5 Bxf3 21.Qxf3 g5** 0.69/18 Black is weak on the light squares
[21...Na4= 0.28/18]
22.h4!± h6 1.36/19
[Black should play 22...Bf6!± 0.55/19]
23.hxg5± hxg5 24.Qh3 Qd6 25.Bd2 1.10/20
[⌓25.Bb7 1.56/19]
25...Qf6 26.Bd5 Bh6 2.25/19
[26...Qh6± 1.35/20 was called for. 27.Qxh6 Bxh6]
27.Kg2 Kg7 28.Qh5 Rh8

29.a4 1.10/19 **Nxa4 30.e4 dxe3 31.Bxe3 Rh7** 1.00/20
[31...Rcf8± 0.57/20 was preferable.]
32.Rbe1 White is much more active.
32...Kh8 33.Rh1 Kg8 6.27/20 Black cannot hold the game after this.
[33...Nb2± 0.50/19]
34.Qg6++- White is clearly winning.
34...Kh8

(Diagram)



35.Bxf7 aiming for Be3-f2!. Deflection **35...Rd8**
[35...Nc5 36.Bxc5]
36.Qxf6+ exf6 37.Bg6 Rxd3 38.Bxh7 Kxh7



39.Bxg5! fxg5 40.Re7+ Deflection, Double Attack **40...Kg8 41.Rxh6 Rd4 42.f6** White wants to mate with Re7-g7+. **42...Rxg4+ 43.Kh3**
Weighted Error Value: White=0.17 (very precise) /Black=0.57
1-0

92 **A03**
□ **Galchenko,Matvey** **2442**
■ **Mamedov,Edgar** **2281**
Titled 8. Feb Early (7) 28.02.2023
[Kitty Kat]

A03: Bird's Opening with 1...d5
1.f4 d5 2.Nf3 c5 3.g3 g6 4.Bg2 Bg7 5.0-0 Nc6 6.d3 Nf6 7.Nc3 0-0 8.e4 dxe4 8...dxe4 scores better than 8...d4. 8...dxe4 punktet besser als 8...d4.
9.dxe4 Qxd1 10.Rxd1 Bg4 0.61/20
[10...e5!= 0.08/20]
11.e5 Ne8 0.99/20
[11...Nh5± 0.64/19]
[11...Nd7 12.Be3 Rfd8 13.h3 Bxf3 14.Bxf3 Rac8 15.Rd2 Kf8 16.Rad1 Ke8 17.Ne4 b6 18.e6 fxe6 19.Ng5 Ndb8 20.Nxe6 Rxd2 21.Rxd2 Kf7 22.Bg4 Rh8 23.Ng5+ Kf6 24.Be2 h6 25.Ne4+ Kf7 26.Bc4+ Golovchenko,G (2442)-Zienkiewicz,J (2559) Elista 2023 CT-2879 [John Watson] 1-0 (46)]
12.Be3N White is better.
[12.h3 Be6 13.Be3 Nb4 14.Bxc5 Na6 15.Bxe7 Nec7 16.Bxf8 Bxf8 17.Nd4 Bc5 18.Kh2 Rb8 19.Nxe6 Nxe6 20.Ne4 Bf8 21.Nf6+ Kg7 22.c3 Nac5 23.Rd2 Be7 24.Nd5 Bd8 25.Rad1 h5 26.b4 Na4 Galdanov,N-Emelyanov,S Russia 1991 Corr Nr. 1 [ChessBase II] 1-0 (47) 27.c4 h4 28.g4 Nb6 29.f5 Ng5 30.Nxb6 Bxb6 31.Rd7 Be3 32.e6 Bf4+ 33.Kh1 Kf6 34.exf7 Nxf7 35.fxg6 Ne5 36.Rxb7 Rc8 37.c5 Nxg6 38.Rxa7 Be5 39.Ra6+ Kg5 40.Rd5 Re8 41.Rd1 Nf4 Golovchenko,G (2442)-Esen,B (2414) Enghien les Bains 2023 Chess Today CT-735 [John Watson] 1-0 (47) 42.Re1 Nd3 43.Re3 Rd8 44.Bf1

Nf2+ 45.Kg2 Kf4 46.Rf3+ Ke4 47.Rxf2 1-0 (47) Galchenko,M (2442)-Diaz Perez,M (2414) Chess.com INT 2023]

12...b6 13.h3! Bxf3 14.Bxf3 Rc8 15.Rd7 Black must now prevent Bxc6. **15...Nb4** 1.72/22

[15...e6± 1.18/21]

16.Rc1+-

[16.Rxe7 Nxc2 17.Rc1 Nxe3∓]

16...Rc7 17.Rd2 And now Nb5 would win. **17...f6N** 2.81/20

[Predecessor: 17...Bh8? 3.69/21 17...e6 1.68 18.a3 Nc6 19.Nb5 Rc8 20.Bxc6 1.35/22 *(20.Rd7+- 2.62/20)* 20...Rxc6± 21.Nxa7 Re6 22.a4 0.49/21 *(22.Rd7± 1.11/21)* 22...Ng7 1.28/19 *(22...f6± 0.49/21)* 23.Nb5± Strongly threatening Rd7. g5 1.83/20 1-0 (60) Mielke,N (1926)-Kleemeyer,O (1558) Berlin 2004 *(23...f6± 1.48/21)*]

[17...e6 1.74/22 is a better defense. 18.a3 Na6]

18.a3? 1.04/21

[18.Nb5+- 2.81/20]

18...Nc6± 19.Bd5+ 1.01/23

[⌓19.Nd5 1.58/20 Rc8 20.Bg4]

19...Kh8 20.Nb5 Rc8 21.Bxc6 Rxc6 22.Nxa7 Re6 23.Re1 fxe5 24.Bf2 Nd6 Inhibits Nb5. With the idea ...e4. **25.b3** -1.41/23

[25.Rde2= -0.01/21]

25...e4∓ 26.Rde2 Bc3 27.Rd1 Ra8 28.Nc6 Nf5 1.50/24

[Of course not 28...Rxa3?! 29.Nxe7! Ra7 30.Nd5=]

[28...Nf7∓ -0.97/20 29.Ne5 Nxe5 30.fxe5 Rxa3 31.Rxe4 Rxe5]

29.Nd8 Rf6 30.Rxe4 Hoping for Ne6. **30...Nd6**

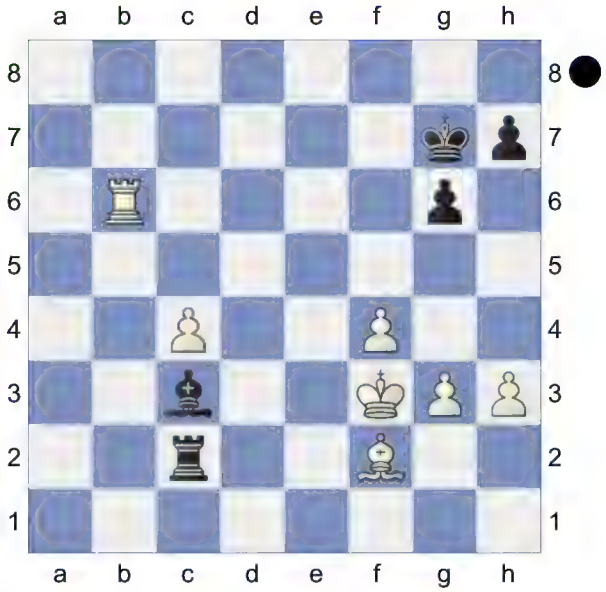
(Diagram)

31.Rxd6 exd6 32.Re8+ Kg7 33.Ne6+ Discovered Attack **33...Rxe6 34.Rxe6 Rxa3 35.Rxd6±** Endgame KRB-KRB **35...Ra1+ 36.Kg2 Ra2 37.Rxb6 Rxc2** Threatens to win with ...Be1. **38.Kf3 c4** 3.02/24

[38...Bb4± 0.96/23]

39.Rb7++-

[Not 39.bxc4



Rxf2+! 40.Ke4 Rd2 41.Rb7+ Kg8∓]

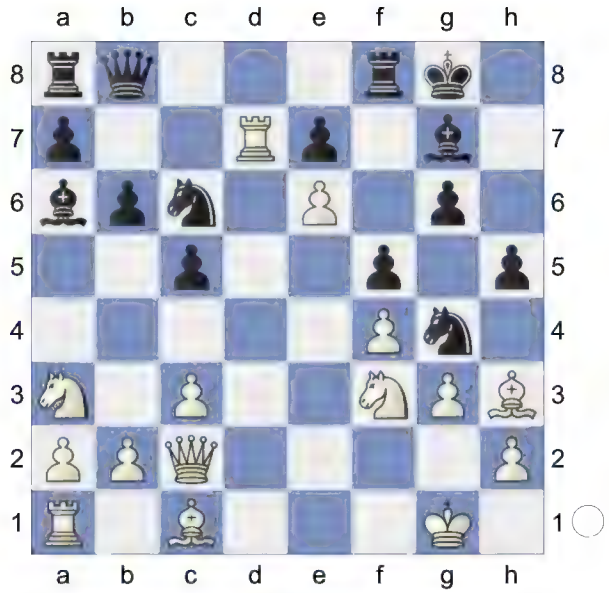
39...Kf6 40.bxc4 Ke6 4.91/21

[40...h6 3.20/23 was called for. 41.Be3 Ke6]

41.Rxh7 Bf6 42.Rc7 Rc3+ 43.Ke4 aiming for Rc6+. **43...Rc2** White is clearly winning. **44.Rc6+ Kf7 45.Be3 Rc3** 13.47/23 What a fight!
Weighted Error Value: White=0.18 (very precise) /Black=0.41. Loss on time!?
[⌓45...Re2 5.10/21 46.c5 Be7]
0-1

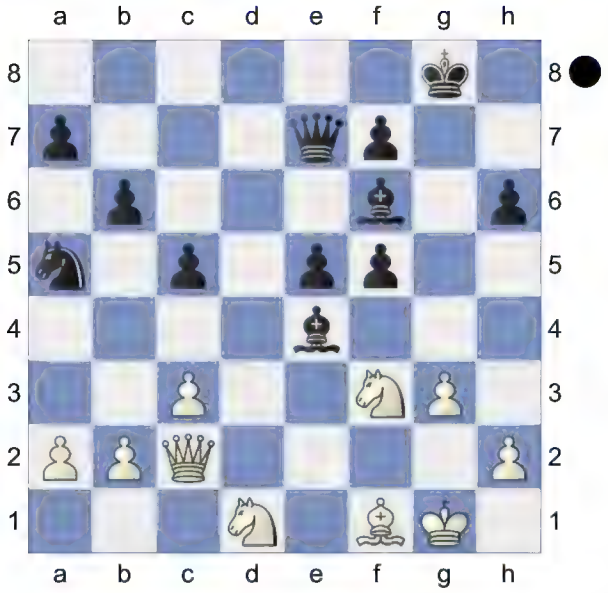
93 **A03**
□ **Howell,David W L** **2667**
■ **Perestjuk,Marko** **2171**
Titled 7. Sep Late (6) 27.09.2022
[Kitty Kat]

A03: Bird's Opening with 1...d5
1.f4 d5 2.Nf3 Nf6 3.g3 g6 4.Bg2 Bg7 5.0-0 0-0 6.d3 c5 7.Na3 Nc6 8.c3 b6 9.Qc2 löst 9.Qa4 inzwischen ab.
[9.Qe1 Ba6 10.Rb1 d4 11.b4 cxb4 12.cxb4 Bb7 13.b5 Na5 14.Bd2 Nd5 15.Ne5 Rc8 16.Nac4 Nc3 17.Bxb7 Nxb7 18.Bxc3 dxc3 19.Qxc3 Nd6 20.Qa3 Nxc4 21.Nxc4 Qd5 22.Rf3 Rfd8 23.Qb3 Rc5 Karthik,V (2603)-Erenburg,S (2510) New York 2024 1-0 (57)]
9...Bb7N
[9...a5 10.e4 Ba6 11.e5 Ne8 12.c4 Nc7 13.Re1 Qd7 14.Be3 Rac8 15.Rac1 Nb4 16.Qb1 Bird Leningrad Mainline-8...b6]
10.e4! dxe4 11.dxe4 The position is equal. **11...e5N**
[Vorgänger: 11...Ba6 0.45/19 11...Qe8 0.13 12.Rd1 Qc7 13.e5 Ng4 14.Bh3 0.01/18 *(White should try 14.h3± 0.62/19 Nh6 15.Qa4)* 14...h5 15.e6 Strongly threatening exf7+. f5 16.Rd7 Qb8 0.89/17 *(16...Qc8=* 0.22/21 *)*



17.Qa4 0.33/18 *(17.Ng5!± 0.89/17)* 17...Bb7± 18.Bxg4 -0.76/20 *(18.Nc4±* 0.35/17 *)* 18...hxg4∓ 19.Ng5 Rd8 0.32/19 *(19...Na5∓ -0.66/19 20.Rb1 Bf6)* 20.Be3!± Rxd7 21.exd7 Qc7? 4.81/27 *(21...Bf6±* 0.43/21 *)* 22.Qc4+ Kh8 23.Qe6 1-0 (23) Simonsen,O (2115)-Anthoniussen,T (1830) Faroe Islands 1997]
12.f5 -0.25/17
[12.Nc4 0.15/17 was preferrable.]
12...Qe7 13.Nc4 -0.44/18
[13.Qe2= -0.06/16]
13...Rad8 -0.01/20
[13...Ba6!∓ -0.44/18 14.Qa4 Nb8 15.Ncxe5 *(15.Nfxe5 b5=)* 15...Bxf1 16.Bxf1 Nbd7 17.Nxd7 Nxd7]
14.Bg5= h6 0.44/20
[14...Ba6= -0.01/19 should be considered. 15.Qa4 Qb7]
15.Bxf6± Bxf6 16.Ne3! Na5 17.Rad1 Rxd1 18.Rxd1 Rd8 19.Bf1 -0.36/21
[White should play 19.fxg6± 0.61/19 fxg6 20.Nd5]
19...Rxd1∓ 20.Nxd1 -0.92/20
[20.Qxd1= -0.21/21 Bxe4 21.fxg6]
20...gxf5∓ 21.Ne3 -1.78/20
[21.Nf2∓ -0.99/19]

21...Bxe4-+ This bishop pair is nice.
22.Nd1? -17.62/20
[22.Qf2 -1.88/18]

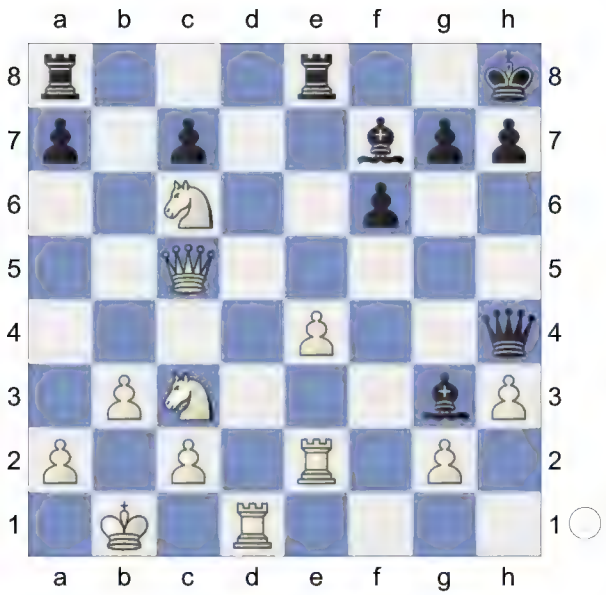


22...Bxc2 23.Nf2 e4 24.Nd1 Bxd1 -22.80/18
[⌓24...exf3 -#8/19 25.Kf2 Bxd1 26.h4 f4 27.gxf4 Bxh4+ 28.Kg1 Qe3+ 29.Kh2 Qf2+ 30.Kh1 Qxf1+ 31.Kh2 Qg2#]
25.Ng5 hxg5 Black mates. **26.Bc4 Nxc4 27.h3 e3 28.Kh2 e2 29.Kh1 e1Q+ 30.Kh2 Q7e2#**
Weighted Error Value: White=0.96/Black=0.48
0-1

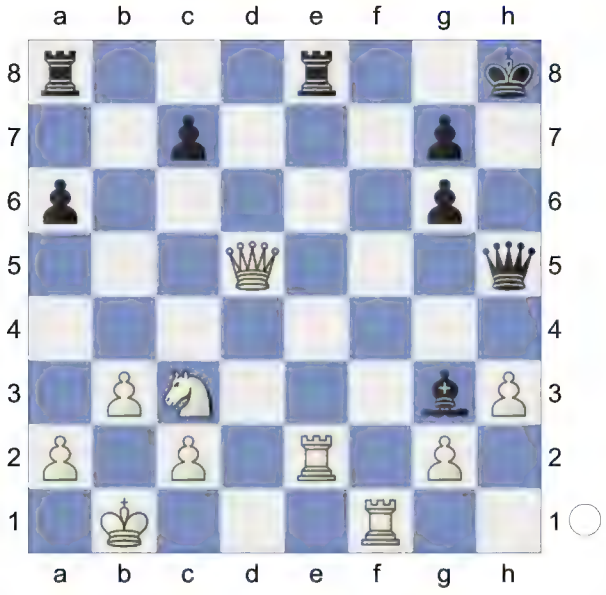
94 **A02**
□ **Danielsen,Henrik** **2482**
■ **Marin,Mihail** **2556**
105/195 Reykjavik 2009
[Kitty Kat]

A02: Bird's Opening
1.f4 e5 2.fxe5 d6 3.Nf3 dxe5 4.Nc3N
[4.Nxe5 Bd6 5.Nf3 g5 6.g3 g4 7.Nh4 Ne7 8.d4 Ng6 9.Nxg6 hxg6 10.Qd3 Nc6 11.c3 Bf5 12.e4 Qe7 13.Bg2 0-0-0 14.Be3 Rde8 15.Nd2 f6 16.0-0-0 Bd7 17.Nc4 Kb8 18.e5 fxe5 Fechner,J (1462)-Miller (1493) Belgrad 1998 ZUS C73 [Doric, Nenand] 1-0 (46)]
[4.e4 Nc6 5.Be2 Bc5 6.c3 Nf6 7.d3 Ng4 8.d4 exd4 9.h3 Nge5 10.Bb5 0-0 11.Bxc6 bxc6 12.c4 f5 13.0-0 Nxf3+ 14.Qxf3 d3+ 15.Be3 fxe4 16.Qxf8+ Bxf8 17.Nd2 Bd6 18.a3 Qh4 Mohandoussaid,M (1883)-Milde,L (2473) www.remoteschach.de 2018 Fernschach2025 [Stockfish17] 0-1]
4...Nc6 5.e4 Bc5 6.Bb5 Bg4 0.14/17
[⌓6...Nge7! -0.29/16]
7.h3 Be6 8.Bxc6+ White has an edge.
8...bxc6 9.d3 f6 10.b3 Ne7 11.Na4 Bb6 12.Ba3 Against Qd6 **12...0-0 13.Qd2 Re8 14.0-0-0 Ng6 15.Bc5 Bf7 16.Rhe1 Nf8 17.Qc3 Ne6 18.d4 exd4 19.Bxd4 Nxd4** 0.96/21
[19...Qe7± 0.50/20]
20.Nxd4± Qd6 21.Nxc6 Qf4+ 22.Kb1 Bf2 23.Re2 -0.01/22
[23.Rf1± 0.67/21 Rxe4 24.Nd8]
23...Bg3 1.13/22
[23...Rxe4= -0.01/22 24.Qd2 Qxd2 25.Rexd2 Re1]
24.Qc5
[24.Nc5?! Bh5 25.Nd4 Qd6±]
24...Kh8 25.Nc3 Pair of Knights!
25...Qh4

(Diagram)



26.Rf1 0.64/18
[Better is 26.e5!± 1.15/19]
26...Bg6 1.15/19
[26...Bh5± 0.64/18]
27.Qd5 a6 28.e5 fxe5 29.Nxe5 Qh5 30.Nxg6+ hxg6 2.26/23
[30...Qxg6± 1.40/23 31.Rxe8+ Rxe8]

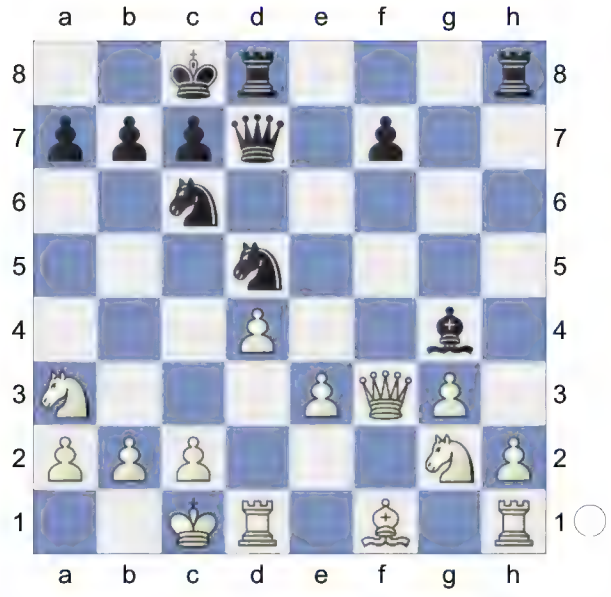


31.Qc6! Rf8 32.Rxf8+ Rxf8 33.Qxa6 Be5 34.Kb2 Qg5 35.Qc6 Rf1 36.b4
[Don't play 36.Ka3?! Qc1+ 37.Kb4 Bd6+ 38.Kb5 *(38.Kc4 Rf4+ 39.Kd3 Qf1±)* 38...Rf8±]
36...Qf4 4.44/21
[⌓36...Kh7 2.82/21 37.Qc5 Rf5]
37.a3 Black must now prevent Qe8+.
37...Bf6 38.Kb3 Kh7 39.Nd5 Rb1+ 40.Ka4 Qf1 41.Nxf6+ 4.18/22
[⌓41.Re8 9.69/23]
41...gxf6
Weighted Error Value: White=0.25 (precise) /Black=0.28 (precise) . Loss on time!?
0-1

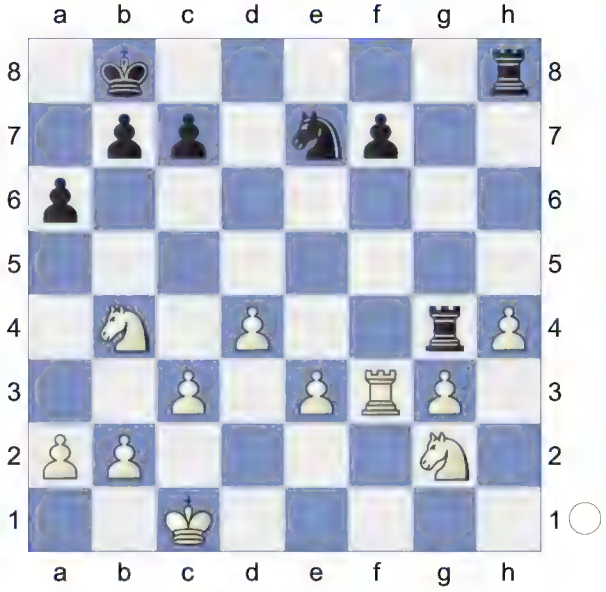
95 **A02**
□ **Carlstedt,Jonathan** **2429**
■ **Orozbaev,Eldiar** **2266**
Titled Tue 3. Jan Early (5) 03.01.2023
[Kitty Kat]

A02: Bird's Opening
1.f4 e5 2.fxe5 d6 3.exd6 Bxd6 4.Nf3 g5 5.g3 h5 6.d4 h4? 2.74/20
[6...f6± 0.78/19]
[6...g4 7.Nh4 Be7 8.Ng2 Nf6 9.Nc3 h4 10.Nxh4 Nh5 11.Ne4 Bxh4 12.gxh4 Nc6 13.Bg2 Qxh4+ 14.Nf2 Bd7 15.d5 Ne5 16.Qd4 g3 17.Qxe5+ 1-0 Danielsen,H (2512)-Cruzado Duenas,C (2464) Mate Postal 25 Years-A 2000]
7.Bxg5+-
[7.Nxg5 hxg3 8.h4 Nc6=]
7...Be7 8.Bxe7N
[8.Bxh4 Bxh4 9.Nxh4 *(9.gxh4 Bg4+-)* 9...Rxh4+- 10.gxh4 Qxh4+ 11.Kd2 Nf6 12.Nc3 Ne4+ 13.Kc1 Nf2 14.Qe1 Nd3+ Survey Uebersicht-N,N Survey 1995]
8...Nxe7 White is clearly better. **9.Nxh4**
[9.gxh4?! Bg4±]
9...Nbc6 10.e3 Nd5 11.Ng2 Bh3 2.52/18

[⌓11...Qg5 1.64/18 12.Qf3 Be6]
12.Qf3 Qd7 13.Na3? 1.17/19
[13.Nc3+- 3.18/19 is more deadly. Nxc3 14.Qf6 *(14.bxc3 0-0-0+-)*]
13...0-0-0± Threatens to win with ...Rh8-e8. **14.0-0-0** 0.18/20
[14.c3!± 1.21/17]
14...Bg4=

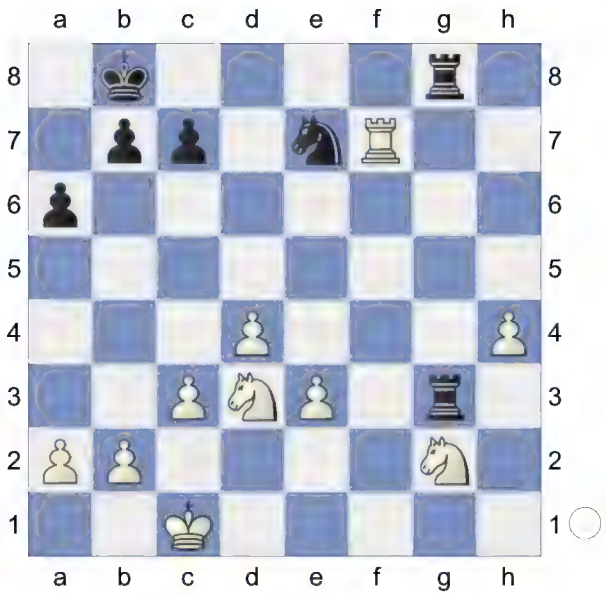


15.Qf2 Bxd1 16.Kxd1 Rhe8 1.03/19
[16...Ne5!= 0.13/17]
17.c3± Qe7 1.63/18
[17...Ne5± 0.92/20]
18.Nc2 Ne5 2.08/19 Wards off Bf1-d3
[18...Kb8± 1.53/19 19.Kc1 Qf6 20.Qxf6 Nxf6]
19.Be2
[19.dxe5? Nxc3+ 20.Ke1 Rd1#]
19...Ng6 2.68/20
[19...Qe6 1.73/20 20.Rf1 *(20.dxe5 Nxc3+ 21.Ke1 Qxa2±)* 20...Kb8]
20.Kc1+- Nf6 21.Qf5+ Kb8 22.Bf3 Ne4 23.Bxe4 Qxe4 24.Qxe4
[24.Qxf7? Rf8 *(24...Qxg2? 25.Re1-+)* 25.Qg7 Qxg2-+]
24...Rxe4 25.Rf1 1.07/19
[25.Kd2+- 1.81/21]
25...Rh8± 26.h4 0.73/21
[White should try 26.Rxf7 1.10/23 Rg4 27.Nf4 *(27.Rd7 a5=)* 27...Nxf4 28.exf4]
26...Rg4 27.Rf3
[27.Rxf7 Rxg3 28.Nce1 Rh3=]
27...a6 1.53/19
[27...Rg8± 0.70/19]
28.Nb4 0.68/22
[28.Rxf7 Rxg3 29.Rf2 Nxh4=]
[28.e4± 1.53/19 And now e4-e5 would win. Rxe4 29.a3 *(29.Rxf7 Rg4=)*]
28...Ne7? 2.26/20
[28...Rg8± 0.68/22]

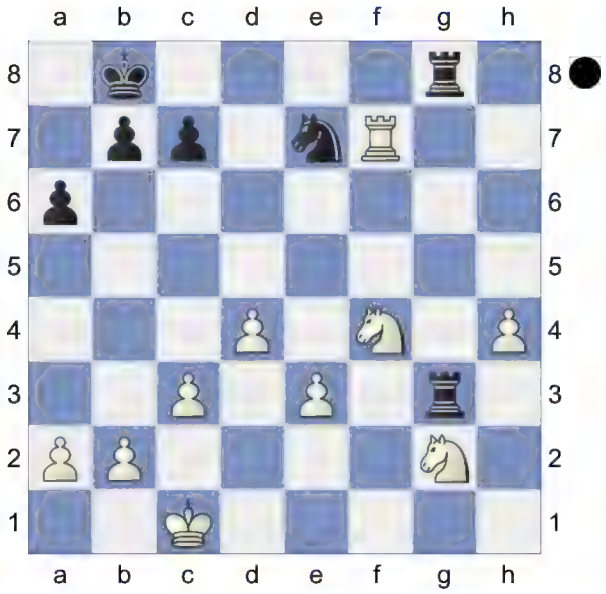


29.Nd3? 0.50/22
[29.Rxf7 Rxg3 30.Rf2 Rhg8=]
[29.Nf4!+- 2.26/20]
29...Rhg8!± 30.Rxf7 Rxg3

(Diagram)



31.Ndf4 -0.01/22
[31.Ngf4!± 0.88/21 Ng6 32.Nxg6 R8xg6 33.h5]

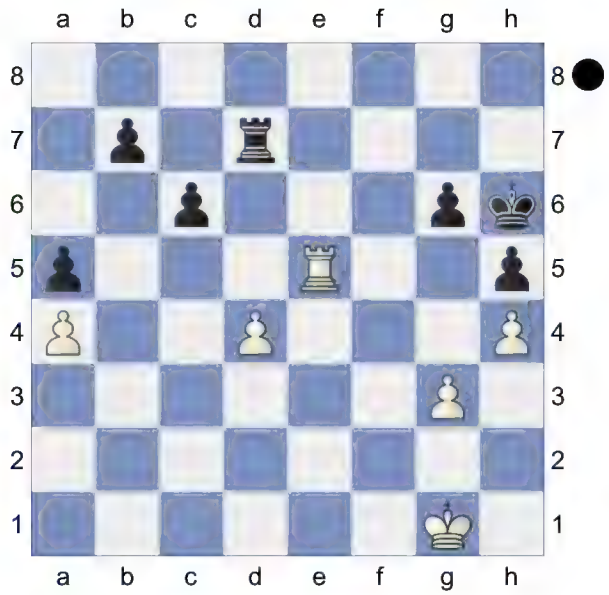


31...Nd5= Deflection **32.Nxd5 Rxg2**
33.Nf6? -1.53/23
[33.Rxc7? is the wrong capture. Re2-+]
[33.Nxc7? Rh2 34.Nxa6+ bxa6-+]
[33.Ne7!= 0.01/22 Rh8 *(33...Rg1+ 34.Kc2=)* 34.e4]
33...R8g3∓ Black has strong compensation. **34.Nd7+** -2.19/26
[34.Ne4∓ -1.59/21 keeps fighting. Rxe3 35.Nf2]
34...Ka7-+ 35.Re7 -#3/8
[35.a4-+ -2.17/27]
35...Rh3 Black used his chance.
Weighted Error Value: White=0.69/ Black=0.49
0-1

96 **A03**
□ **Jakubiec,Artur** **2532**
■ **Gdanski,Jacek** **2529**
Ch Warsaw POL (13) 07.05.2004
[Kitty Kat]

A03: Bird's Opening with 1...d5
1.f4 d5 2.Nf3 g6 3.g3 c6
[3...Bg7 4.Bg2 c6 5.Nc3 d4 6.Ne4 Nf6 7.Nf2 c5 8.0-0 Nc6 9.e4 dxe3 10.dxe3 Qxd1 11.Rxd1 0-0 12.c3 e5 13.Ng5 c4 14.h3 Re8 15.Bd2 h6 16.Nf3 Be6 17.e4 Nd7 18.Be3 Meier,E (2600)-Grankin,F (2675) corr 1998 CBM 45 [Lekander,Rolf] 0-1 (57)]
4.Bg2 Qb6 5.Nc3 Bg7 6.e3N
[6.d3 Nh6 7.e4 *(7.Na4 Qa5+ 8.c3 Nd7 9.b4 Qc7 10.Bd2 Nf6 11.0-0 Nf5 12.Qe1 Nd6 13.Ne5 0-0 14.e4 a5 15.Nc5 b6 16.Nb3 axb4 17.cxb4 Ba6 18.Rc1 dxe4 19.Rxc6 Qb7 20.Be3 Bxd3 21.Rxd6 exd6* Matskevich,V (1690)-Bukowska,K (1732) Gori Jastrzebia 2023 1-0 (47)*)* 7...dxe4 8.dxe4 Na6 9.Qe2 Bd7 10.a3 0-0-0 11.e5 Bg4 12.Qe3 c5 13.0-0 f6 14.Qe4 Kb8 15.Kh1 Nf5 16.b4 cxb4 17.axb4 Qxb4 18.Qe1 Qc4 19.Rb1 Nb4 20.Nb5 Nd5 Davies,N (2500)-Plaskett,J (2480) London 1991 CI1-130 [Ribli] (48)]
6...Nh6 7.a4 a5 8.d4 Na6 The position

is equal. **9.0-0 Nf5 10.Ne5 h5 11.Bf3 Be6 12.Re1 Rd8 13.b3 Nd6 14.Ba3 Bf5 15.Kg2 Nb4 16.Rc1** -1.39/21
[16.Nd3= -0.17/18 keeps the balance.]
16...Nxc2!∓ 17.Rxc2 Rd2 is the strong threat. **17...Qxb3 18.e4** -1.87/20
[18.Ra2∓ -1.40/22 Qxc3 19.Bb2 Qc2+ 20.Qxc2 Bxc2 21.Bc3]
18...dxe4-+ 19.Nxe4 Bxe4 Dancing on a razor blade.
[19...Qxa3 20.Rc3 Qb2+ 21.Re2]
20.Bxe4 Black must now prevent Bxd6.
20...Qxa3 21.Bxg6 Bxe5
[21...Qxa4 22.Nxf7! Nxf7 23.Rxe7+ Kxe7 24.Re2+ Kf6 25.Qxa4 Kxg6 26.Qc2+ Kf6 27.Qb3=]
22.fxe5 fxg6 23.exd6 Qxd6 24.Rce2 Qd5+ 25.Kg1 0-0
[Much weaker is 25...Qxd4+?! 26.Qxd4 Rxd4 27.Rxe7+ Kd8 28.Rxb7=]
26.Rxe7 Rf7 27.R7e4 -1.64/21
[27.R7e5∓ -1.18/22 was necessary. Qxd4+ 28.Qxd4 Rxd4 29.Rxa5]
27...Kg7 28.Qc2 -1.89/22
[28.Qa1∓ -1.42/20 might work better.]
28...Rd6 29.Qc3 Kh7 30.Qe3 Rdf6 -1.04/19
[Black should try 30...Qc4 -1.60/20 31.g4 *(31.Re7? Rd7-+)* 31...Rdf6]
31.Re7 -2.26/24
[31.Re8∓ -1.04/19]
31...Rxe7 32.Qxe7+ Endgame KQR-KQR **32...Rf7 33.Qe5 Qf3 34.Qe3 Qxe3+ 35.Rxe3** KR-KR **35...Kh6** -1.18/23
[⌓35...Rd7 -1.49/24 36.Re5 Rxd4 37.Rxa5 Rd1+ 38.Kg2 Rd2+ 39.Kg1 Rd1+ 40.Kg2 Rd2+ 41.Kg1 Kg7]
36.h4 -2.30/26
[36.Re5∓ -1.18/23]
36...Rd7 37.Re5



Against b5 **37...Rd5!**
[Weaker is 37...Rxd4 38.Rxa5 Rb4 39.Ra8∓]
38.Re4 b5 39.axb5? -7.92/25
[39.Kf2 -2.54/22]
39...cxb5 Black is clearly winning.
40.Kf2 b4 And now ...b3 would win.
41.Ke3 b3 Strongly threatening ...b2.
42.Kd2 Rb5 43.Kc1 a4 44.Kb1 Rb4 45.Rf4 Rc4 Threatens to win with ...a3.
46.Re4 a3
Weighted Error Value: White=0.48/ Black=0.20 (precise)
0-1

97 **A02**
□ **Zaslavsky,Mikhail** **2441**
■ **Dronavalli,Harika** **2499**
23. Czech Open A (6.23) 25.07.2012
[Kitty Kat]

A45: Trompowsky Attack
1.f4 g6 2.Nf3 Bg7 3.e3 c5
[3...Nf6 4.d4 d6 5.Bc4 0-0 6.0-0 b6 7.Bd2 Bb7 8.Be1 Nbd7 9.Nbd2 c5 10.c3 Qc7 11.Bh4 e5 12.fxe5 dxe5

13.Qb3 exd4 14.cxd4 cxd4 15.exd4 Ng4 16.Bg3 Qc6 17.Bb5 Qc8 18.Rac1 1-0 (35) Zach,A (2230)-Kraeussling,A (2305) Oberliga Bayern 9495 1994 [4]]

4.d4N

[4.c4 Nf6 5.Nc3 0-0 6.e4 d6 7.Be2 Nc6 8.0-0 Bg4 9.d3 Nd7 *(9...a6 10.Be3 Qb6 11.Qd2 Bd7 12.h3 Nd4 13.e5 dxe5 14.fxe5 Ne8 15.Nd5 Qe6 16.Bxd4 cxd4 17.Rae1 Bc6 18.Ng5 Qxe5 19.Bg4 Qg3 20.Rf3 Qh4 21.g3 Qh6 22.Nxe7+ Kh8 23.Nxf7+ Rxf7 24.Qxh6* 1-0 (52) Scharff,K (1900)-Sockel,K (1935) Leverkusen-ch op 07th 1995 (7)) 10.Ne1 Bxe2 11.Nxe2 e6 12.Nf3 a6 13.Rb1 b5 14.Bd2 b4 15.a3 a5 16.a4 d5 17.b3 dxe4 18.dxe4 Qe7 1-0 (37) Zelaya,G (2282)-Csonka,B (2220) W-ch9 corr7783 1977 (4)]

[4.g3 Nh6 5.Bg2 Nc6 6.d4 d5 7.0-0 cxd4 8.exd4 Nf5 9.c3 0-0 10.Qe2 Re8 11.Re1 Nd6 12.Nbd2 e6 13.b3 b5 14.Ne5 Qb6 15.Nxc6 Qxc6 16.Ba3 Bd7 17.Bc5 Nb7 18.b4 Nxc5 1-0 (44) Kappler,J-Thiellement,A FRA-ch50 Dijon 1975 (1)]

4...Nf6 5.Bd3 Nc6 6.0-0 0-0 7.c3 d6 8.Na3 e5 9.dxe5 dxe5 And now ...e5-e4 would win. **10.e4** The position is equal. **10...exf4 11.Bxf4 Ng4** 0.57/18

[Better is 11...Be6∓ -0.35/17]

12.Bc4± Be6 13.Bxe6 fxe6 14.Ng5 0.30/21

[14.Qd6± 0.66/21 Qe8 15.Nb5]

14...Qxd1= 15.Raxd1 e5 16.Bc1 Rxf1+ 17.Rxf1 Rf8 18.Re1 Nd8 Repels Ng5-e6 **19.Nf3 Nf7 20.h3 Nf6 21.Nc4 Rd8 22.a4 Nd6 23.Nxd6**

[23.Ncxe5 Nfxe4 24.Bf4 Re8±]

23...Rxd6 24.Nxe5 Re6 25.Ng4 Nxe4 26.Nf2 Ng5 Discovered Attack **27.Kf1 Rxe1+ 28.Kxe1±** Endgame KBN-KBN **28...Ne6 29.Ne4 Bf8** 1.01/24 Prevents Ne4-d6. Black is on the road to losing.

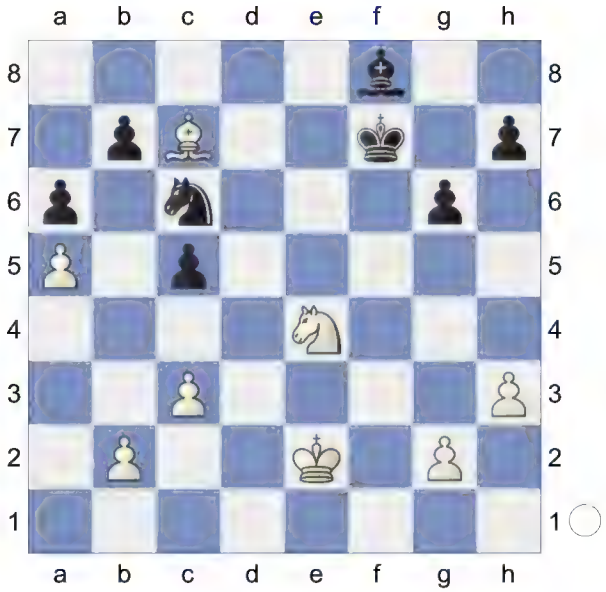
[29...b6± 0.50/23]

30.Ke2 a6 1.39/25

[⌓30...Kf7 0.78/23]

31.a5± Nd8 32.Bf4 White is more active. **32...Nc6 33.Bc7 Kf7** 2.07/24

[33...c4 1.69/25 34.Nd2 Kf7 35.Nxc4 Ke6]



34.Kd3!+- Ke6

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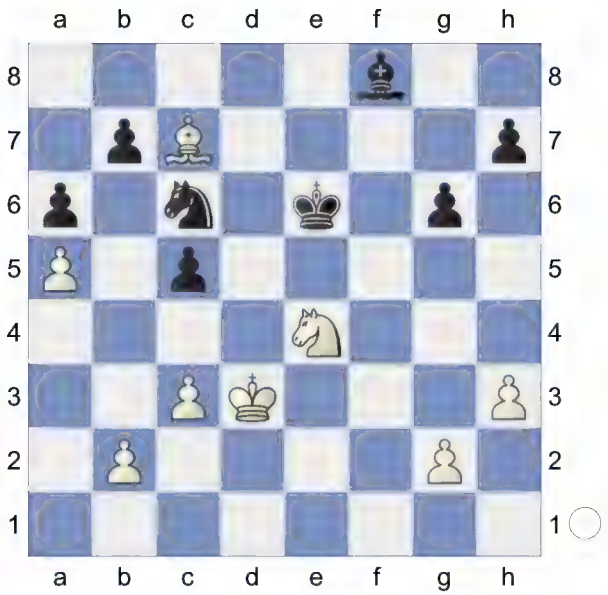
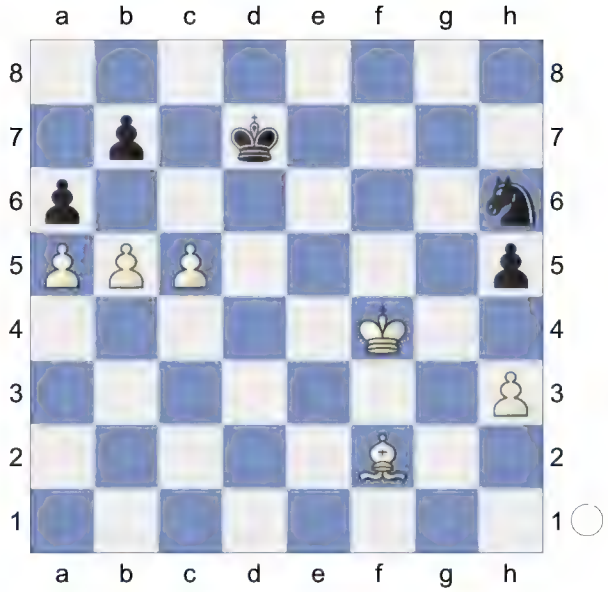
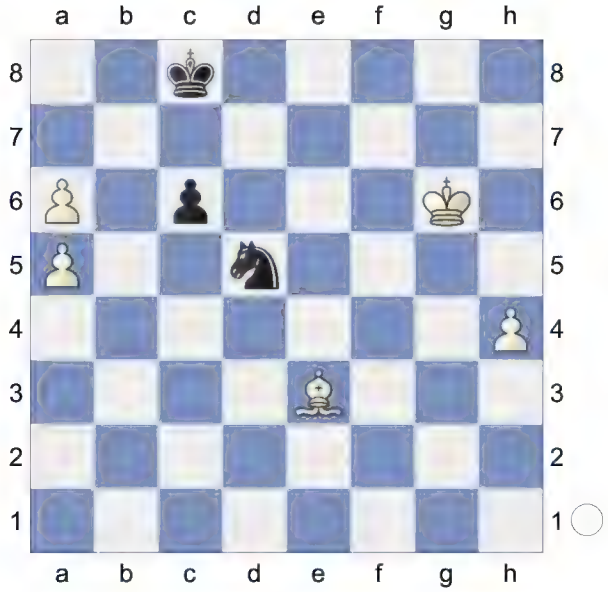


35.Kc4!
[35.Ng5+?! Kd7±]
35...Kd7 36.Bb6
[36.Nxc5+? Bxc5 *(36...Kxc7 37.Ne6+ Kd6 38.Nxf8±)* 37.Kxc5 Kxc7-+]
36...Ke6 3.10/25
[⌓36...Ne5+ 1.95/23 37.Kd5 Nd3]
37.Nxc5+
[37.Bxc5 Nxa5+ 38.Kd3 Bh6±]
37...Bxc5 38.Kxc5 KB-KN. White is a pawn up.
[Stronger than 38.Bxc5 Nxa5+ 39.Kd3 b5=]
38...h5 4.33/26
[⌓38...Ne7 3.09/25 39.Bc7 Kd7]
39.b4 Ne5 40.Bc7 Nd7+ 41.Kd4 g5 42.c4 Nf8 43.Ke4 Ng6 44.b5 g4 45.Bg3 gxh3 5.10/19
[45...Ne7 3.43/23 was called for. 46.hxg4 hxg4]
46.gxh3 Ne7 47.Bf2 2.10/24
[⌓47.Bf4 4.39/23 axb5 48.cxb5]
47...Ng8? 5.30/27
[47...Nf5 2.10/24 48.Bc5 Ng3+ 49.Kf4 h4]
48.Kf4 Nh6 8.50/25
[⌓48...Nf6 4.87/24 49.h4 Ne8]

49.c5 Kd7



50.c6+! Deflection **50...bxc6**
[50...Kc8 51.cxb7+]
51.bxa6 Kc8 52.Kg5 Nf7+ 53.Kxh5 Nd6 10.32/23
[⌓53...Ne5 5.09/23 54.h4 Nd3]
54.Kg6 And now Bf2-b6 would win.
54...Ne4 55.Be3 Nc3 56.h4 Nd5

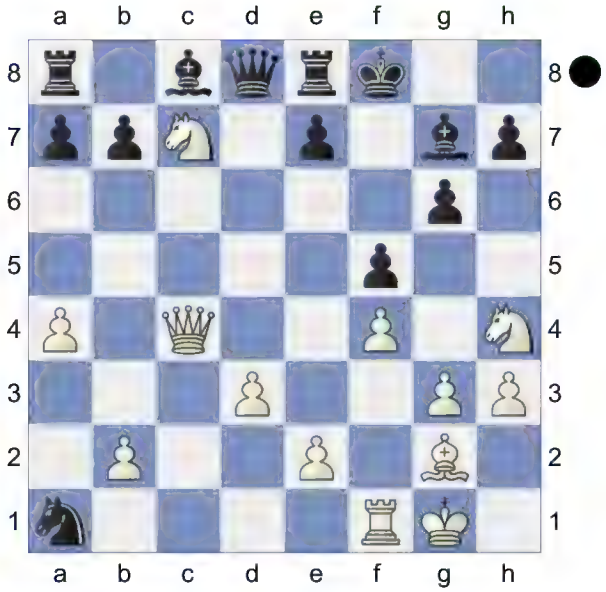


57.h5! White wants to mate with h5-h6!.
57...Ne7+
[57...Nxe3 58.h6]
58.Kf7 White mates. **58...Nf5 59.Bf4 c5 60.Kf6**

Weighted Error Value: White=0.10 (very precise) /Black=0.82
1-0

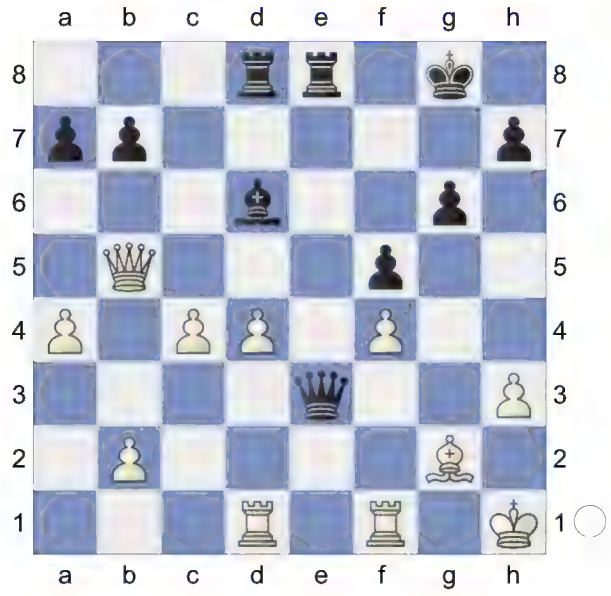
98 **A03**
□ **Rubil,Marko** **2243**
■ **Borrmann,Laurenz** **2304**
Schev May 2023 (4.3) 19.05.2023
[Kitty Kat]

A03: Bird's Opening with 1...d5
1.f4 d5 2.Nf3 Nf6 3.g3 g6 4.Bg2 Bg7 5.d3 c5 6.0-0 0-0 6...0-0 scores better than 6...Nc6.6...0-0 punktet besser als 6...Sc6. **7.Qe1 d4 8.a4 Nc6 9.Na3 Nd5 10.h3N** Black is slightly better.
[10.Nc4 Rb8 11.Bd2 b6 12.Rb1 *(12.c3 Bb7 13.Rc1 Qd7 14.Qf2 Rbd8 15.h3 e6 16.a5 dxc3 17.bxc3 Qc7 18.axb6 axb6 19.e4 Nde7 20.Qe2 Ba6 21.Ra1 Bxc4 22.dxc4 Na5 23.Rab1 Rd7 24.e5 Rfd8 25.Be1 Rd3 26.Nh4 Nf5* Ivan Bocharov (2489)-Sergey D Rodchenkov (2355) Sochi RUS 2015 [https://lichess.org/@/JCaselas] 1-0 (48) *)* 12...Bb7 13.e4 dxe3 14.Nxe3 Nd4 15.Nxd4 Bxd4 16.Kh1 Re8 17.Nc4 e6 18.Ne5 Qc7 19.c3 Bxe5 20.fxe5 Ne7 21.Qf2 Bxg2+ 22.Kxg2 Nd5 23.Rbe1 Qe7 24.h4 h5 Sajtlava,I (2036)-Dimitrijevic,M (2313) Santiago de Chile 2023 ZUS D32 [John Watson] ½-½ (58)]
10...Re8 11.Ng5N
[Predecessor: 11.Nh4 f5 12.Nb5 -0.92/19 *(12.Nf3∓* -0.46/17 *)* 12...Ncb4∓ 13.Qf2 Ne3 14.Bxe3 dxe3 15.Qxe3 Nxc2 16.Qxc5 Nxa1 17.Qc4+ -1.65/20 *(17.Rxa1∓* -0.97/19 *Bd7 18.Kf1)* 17...Kf8-+ Hoping for ... Qb6+. 18.Nc7 -2.05/21 *(18.Rxa1∓* -1.19/19 was necessary. *Qb6+ 19.Kh2)*



18...Nb3! 0-1 Teunisse,F-Thomson,T (2414) SCCA-ch corr9900 1999]
11...Ne3 -0.03/22
[11...f5∓ -0.53/17]
12.Bxe3= dxe3 13.c3! e5 14.Ne4 -0.67/18
[14.Nc4= -0.09/19]
14...exf4∓ 15.gxf4 Bf8 0.26/20
[15...Ne7∓ -0.54/19]
16.Qg3 -0.09/18
[⌓16.Nc4 0.26/20]
16...Be7 0.39/19
[16...f5= -0.09/18 should be considered. 17.Ng5 Na5]
17.Qxe3 -0.01/19
[17.Nc4!± 0.39/19 might be stronger.]
17...f5 0.92/20
[17...Be6= -0.01/19]
18.Nd2 0.34/19 &Bianco is more active.
[White should try 18.Nxc5± 0.92/20 Bd6 19.Qf2]
18...Bf6 19.Qf3 Be6 20.Nac4 Qd7 21.Nb3 Pair of Knights! **21...Qe7 22.Qf2** 0.01/19
[22.a5± 0.38/18 is superior.]

22...Bxc4 23.dxc4 Bh4 0.55/20
[23...Kg7= 0.07/18]
24.Qxc5± And now a5 would win.
24...Qxe2 25.Nd4⇄ White puts up resistance
[25.a5!? Rac8 26.Nd4 Qxb2 27.Qd5+ Kh8 28.Nxc6 bxc6 29.Qd4+ Kg8 30.Rab1=]
25...Qe3+
[25...Nxd4 26.Qxd4 Qe3+ 27.Qxe3 Rxe3 28.Rad1± *(28.Bxb7 Rb8=)*]
26.Kh1 Rad8 27.Rad1! Be7 0.90/23
[27...Bf6= 0.01/20 keeps the balance.]
28.Qb5± aiming for Rde1. **28...Nxd4 29.cxd4 Bd6** 2.14/21
[29...b6± 1.04/20]



30.c5!+-
[Don't take 30.Qxb7?! Bxf4 31.Qf3 *(31.Qxa7 Qg3∓)* 31...Qxf3 32.Bxf3 *(32.Rxf3 Be3±)* 32...Re3±]
30...Bf8 31.Qc4+
[Don't do 31.Qxb7?! Rb8 32.Qf3 *(32.Qxa7 Rxb2 33.Qd7 Re4±)* 32...Rxb2 33.Qxe3 Rxe3]
31...Kh8 1.93/21
[31...Kg7± 1.46/23 32.b4 b6]
32.b4 1.19/20
[32.Rde1+- 1.93/21 Qxe1 33.Rxe1 Rxe1+ 34.Kh2]
32...Bg7? 2.95/20 Black cannot hold the game after this.
[32...Re4± 1.19/20]
33.d5 d6 is the strong threat. **33...Qa3?** 4.04/21
[33...Re4 2.42/19 34.Bxe4 Qxh3+ 35.Kg1 fxe4 36.Qxe4 Qc8]
34.Rd3 Qxa4 35.d6 Re2 36.Bxb7 Rb2? 6.59/20
[36...Rc2 3.35/19 37.Qb3 Qxb3 38.Rxb3 Bf8]
37.Bg2 Strongly threatening c6.
37...Rxb4 38.Qd5 Rxf4 39.d7? 2.02/21
[39.Rc1 5.92/19 Black must now prevent c6. Rf2 40.c6]
39...Bd4? 17.71/24
[39...Rxf1+ 2.02/21 40.Bxf1 Qf4]
40.c6
Weighted Error Value: White=0.39/ Black=0.54
1-0

99 **A03**
□ **Kanarkiewicz,Michal** **2079**
■ **Brzezina,Pawel** **2191**
35th International Chess Festival CRAC..
[Kitty Kat]

A03: Bird's Opening with 1...d5
ChessRecipes: Sometimes White likes play unusual openings to prevent opening theory and if he has a better preparation get a comfortable advantage. Here we are going to study how to fight against this kind of openings. ChessRecipes. Wesley So<MH: 'ChessRecipes: Sometimes White likes play unusual openings to prevent opening theory and if he has a better

preparation get a comfortable advantage. Here we are going to study how to fight against this kind of openings. A03: Bird's Opening with 1...d5' **1.f4 d5 2.Nf3 g6 3.g3 Bg7 4.Bg2 Nf6 5.d3 c5 6.0-0 0-0 7.Qe1 Nc6 8.e4 dxe4 9.dxe4 e5** 9...Nd4 deserves study. 9...Sd4 verdient Beachtung. **10.f5N** -0.72/18

[10.Nc3= -0.19/17

A) 10...Re8 11.h3 *(11.fxe5 Ng4 12.Bg5 Qb6 13.Nd5 Qxb2 14.Nc7 Be6 15.Nxa8 Rxa8 16.h3 Ngxe5 17.Nxe5 Bxe5 18.Rb1 Qxc2 19.Rxb7 Nd4 20.Rf2 Qa4 21.Bf4 Bg7 22.e5 Rd8 23.Bg5 Rc8 24.Bf6 c4 25.Bxg7 Kxg7* Sajtlava,I (2015)- 5...Nc6?! (2323) Leon 2023 Inf11 [John Watson] 1-0 (34) *)* 11...Nd4 12.Rf2 Nh5 13.Rd2 Nxf3+ 14.Bxf3 Qa5 15.Bxh5 gxh5 16.f5 Qd8 17.Qe2 h4 18.g4 b5 19.Qxb5 Berbatov,K (2220)-Andreikin,D (2580) Plovdiv 2008;

B) 10...Nd4 11.Nxd4 cxd4 12.fxe5 dxc3 13.exf6 cxb2 14.Bxb2 Qb6+ 15.Rf2 Qxb2 16.c3 Qb5 17.fxg7 Kxg7 18.Rb1 Qe5 ½-½ (18) 1.f4 1.b3 1.b4-N,N (2755) [ChessRecipes. Wesley So];

C) 10...Be6 11.f5 Bc4 12.Rf2 Ng4 13.Rd2 Qa5 14.h3 Nf6 15.g4 h6 16.Rf2 Rae8 17.Nd2 Bb5 18.Nxb5 Qxb5 19.c3 Qa5 20.Nb3 Qb5 21.Bf1 Qb6 22.g5 hxg5 23.Bxg5 gxf5 24.Rxf5 c4+ 25.Be3 Vienna Variation,W-Verges, J Reykjavik 2006 CR97-89 [Sale, Srdjan] 1-0 (42)]

10...gxf5∓ Black is better. **11.Nh4** -0.99/17

[11.Bg5!∓ -0.54/19]

11...fxe4 -0.58/21

[11...f4!∓ -0.99/17 12.gxf4 exf4 13.Rxf4 Re8]

12.c3∓ Against Nd4

[12.Nc3 Nd4 13.Bg5! Nxc2 14.Qe2? -2.78/20 *(14.Qc1!∓ -0.63/20 Nxa1 15.Nxe4 Qd4+ 16.Be3 Qxe4 17.Bxe4 Nxe4 18.Qxa1)* 14...Nxa1-+ 15.Nxe4 Qd4+ 16.Be3 Bg4 17.Nxf6+ Bxf6 18.Qf2? -4.06/20 1-0 Livaic,L (2561)-Marchesich,G (2210) Titled Tuesday intern op 27th Feb Early blitz 2024 (2) *(18.Bf3* -2.46/20 only move. *Bxf3 19.Qxf3)*]

12...Ne7 13.Bg5 -1.23/18

[13.Nd2∓ -0.35/18]

13...Ng6 0.19/19

[13...Nfd5!∓ -1.23/18 14.Qxe4 f6]

14.Nd2= h6 0.42/22

[14...Nxh4= 0.10/20 15.Bxh4 Qb6]

15.Bxf6± Bxf6 16.Nf5 Bxf5 17.Rxf5 Bg7 18.Nxe4 Qb6 19.Qf2 Strongly threatening Nf6+. **19...Rad8** 0.79/22

[19...Ne7± 0.44/20 is more appropriate.]

20.Rf1±

[Much worse is 20.Nxc5?! Ne7 21.Rf3 f5=]

20...f6 21.Nxf6+ 0.33/24

[White should play 21.h4± 0.93/21]

21...Bxf6± 22.Rxf6 Rxf6 23.Qxf6 Qxf6 24.Rxf6± Endgame KRB-KRN **24...Kg7 25.Rf2 b6 26.Be4 Ne7 27.Kf1** 0.01/20

[27.Bc2± 0.42/21]

27...Ng8 0.44/20

[27...Rd1+!= 0.01/20 28.Ke2 Ra1]

28.Ke2 Nf6 29.Bf5 Kf7 30.Ke3 0.01/21

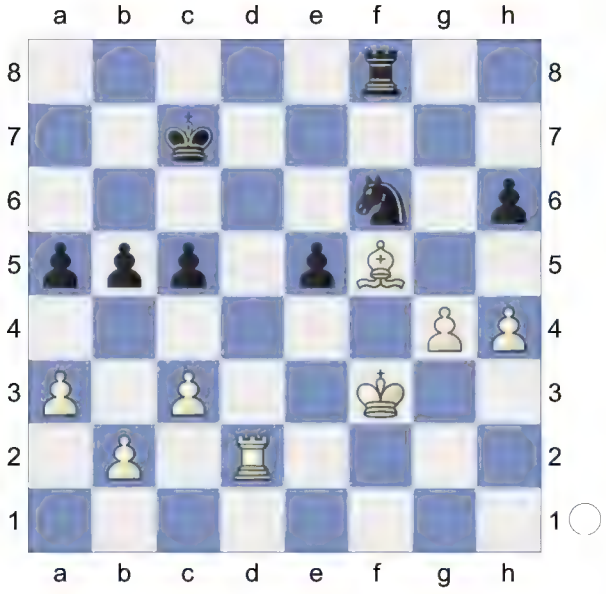
[30.Bd3± 0.40/18 deserves consideration.]

30...Ke7 31.Rd2 Rg8 0.68/21

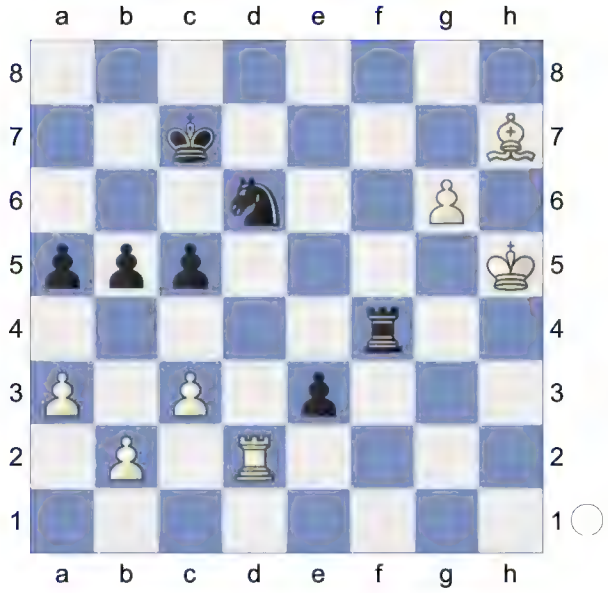
[31...Rxd2= 0.30/22 is superior. 32.Kxd2 Ne8]

32.Kf3± b5 33.g4 a5 34.a3 Rb8

1.60/21
[⌓34...a4 0.77/22]
35.h4!± Black must now prevent g5.
35...Rg8 Prevents g5. **36.Rg2** 1.16/21
[⌓36.b3 1.57/25]
36...Rf8 37.Rd2 -0.01/21
[37.Re2± 1.15/24]
37...Rg8= 38.Rg2 -0.01/19
[38.b3± 1.38/24]
38...Rf8! 39.Rd2 0.01/19
[39.Re2!± 1.50/23]
39...Rg8 40.Re2 0.69/24
[Better is 40.b4± 1.22/24]
40...Kd6± 41.Rd2+ 0.01/22
[41.Re1± 0.84/23]
41...Ke7= 42.Re2 -0.01/21
[42.b3± 1.35/21]
42...Kd6 43.Rg2 Rf8 44.Rd2+ Kc7!



45.g5? -0.01/24
[White should try 45.Re2!+- 1.67/20]
45...hxg5 0.88/22
[45...Ne8= -0.01/24 46.Ke4 Nd6+ 47.Rxd6 Kxd6 48.gxh6 Ke7]
46.hxg5± Ne8 47.Kg4 aiming for Rd5. &Bianco is much more active. **47...Nd6 48.Bh7** 0.63/22
[48.Bc2± 1.15/21]
48...Rf4+ 49.Kh5 e4 50.g6 0.03/21
[50.Rg2± 0.82/21]
50...e3? 5.27/22
[50...Rf5+!= 0.03/21 51.Kg4 Rf1]

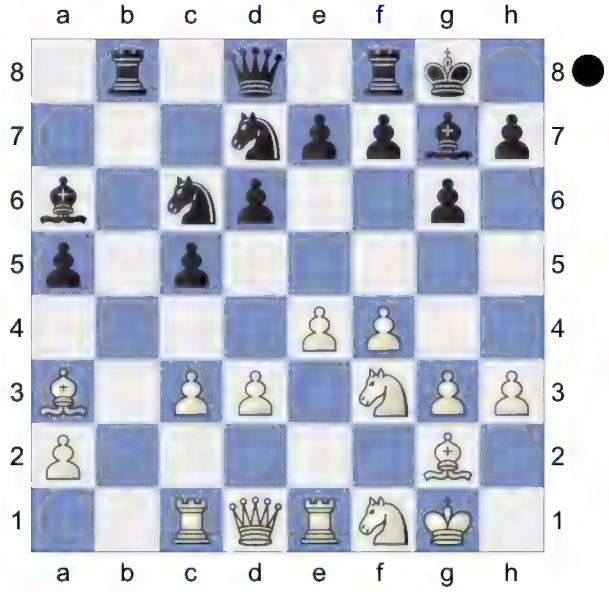


51.Rxd6!+- Kxd6 KR-KB **52.g7 e2 53.g8Q e1Q 54.Qb8+ Kc6** (-> ...Qh4+) **55.Qxf4 Qh1+ 56.Kg6** Hoping for Kg7. **56...Qg2+ 57.Kf6** Intending Be4+ and mate. **57...Qxb2 58.Be4+ Kd7 59.Qf5+**
Weighted Error Value: White=0.41/ Black=0.51
1-0

100 **A02**
□ **Panbukchian,Valentin** **2359**
■ **Atalik,Suat** **2608**
1. Grand Europe Open (8.32) 11.06.2012
[Kitty Kat]

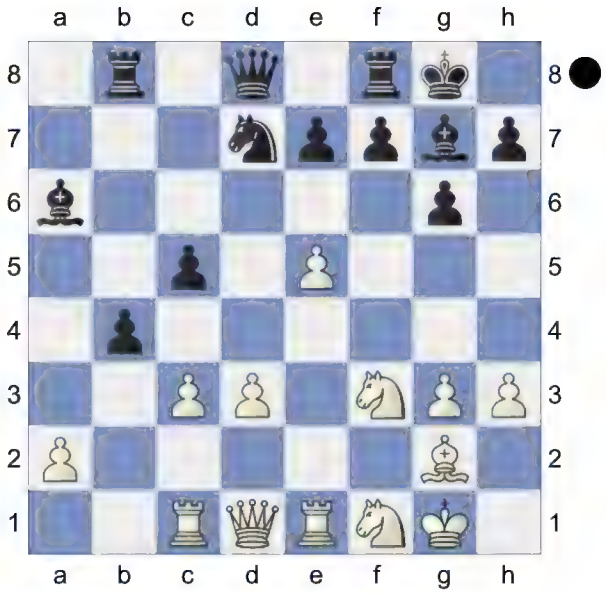
B20: Sicilian: Unusual White 2nd moves
Nesis,G/Sveshnikov,E: 'MH: 'B20: Sicilian: Unusual White 2nd moves" **1.f4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.g3 g6 4.Bg2 Bg7 5.0-0 Nf6 6.d3 0-0 7.e4 d6 8.Nbd2** -0.41/17
[8.c4= -0.02/16]

8...Rb8 9.Re1 b5 10.Nf1 Black is slightly better. **10...a5 11.h3 b4 12.c4 bxc3 13.bxc3 Ba6 14.Ba3 Nd7 15.Rc1** -0.86/20
[15.Qd2∓ -0.31/18]

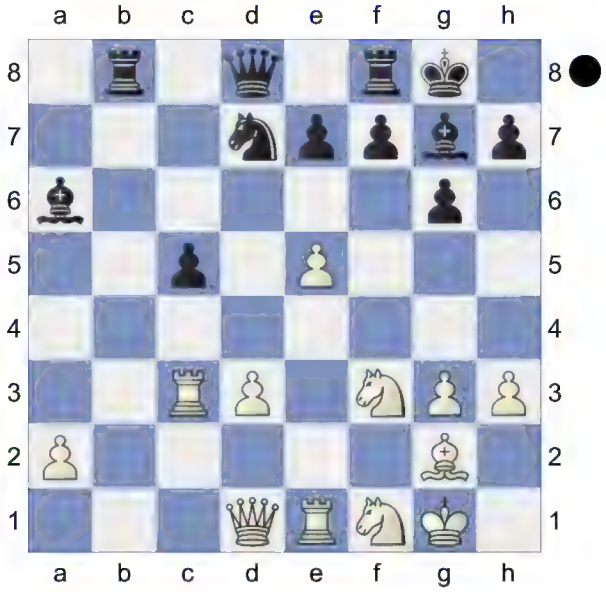


15...Nb4!∓ 16.Bxb4 axb4
[Stronger than 16...cxb4 17.d4∓]
17.e5? -2.58/18 White does not recover from this.
[17.cxb4∓ -0.88/19 was necessary. Rxb4 18.Ne3]
17...dxe5-+ White must now prevent ... bxc3. **18.fxe5**

(Diagram)



bxc3! 19.Rxc3 -4.02/22
[⌓19.Kh2 -2.72/20]

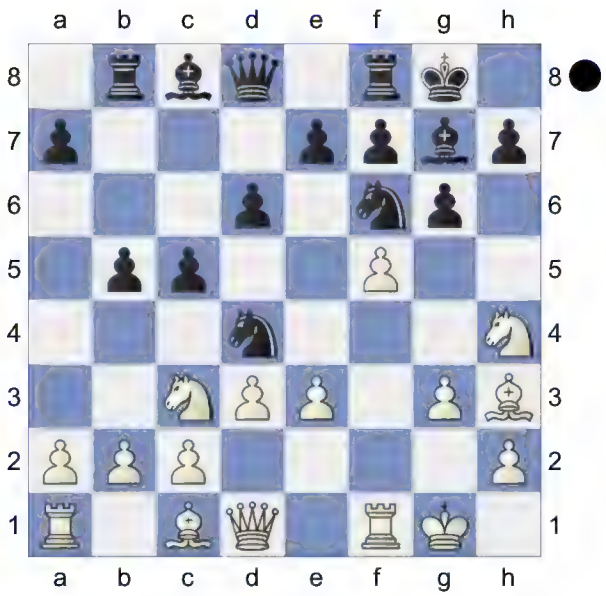


19...Nxe5! 20.Ra3
[20.Rb3 Rxb3]
20...Nxf3+ 21.Bxf3 Bc8 22.Kg2 Be6 23.Ne3 Qd7 24.h4 Rfd8 25.Re2 Bb2 Inhibits Qc1. A strong pair of Bishops.
26.Ra5 Qxd3 27.Rxc5 Qa3
[Don't go for 27...Qxd1? 28.Nxd1 Bd4 29.Rc1-+]
28.Qc2 -5.05/22
[28.Rb5 -3.24/24 keeps fighting. Rxb5

29.Qxd8+ Kg7 30.Qa8]
28...Bd4 Black is clearly winning. **29.Rc7** -8.55/23
[⌓29.Rc6 -5.06/21 Rb2 30.Rxe6 Rxc2 31.Nxc2]
29...Rb2
[But not 29...Bxe3? 30.Rc3 Qxa2 31.Qxa2 Bxa2 32.Rxa2-+]
30.Nc4 Rxc2 31.Nxa3N Rxc7
Weighted Error Value: White=0.53/ Black=0.09 (flawless)
0-1

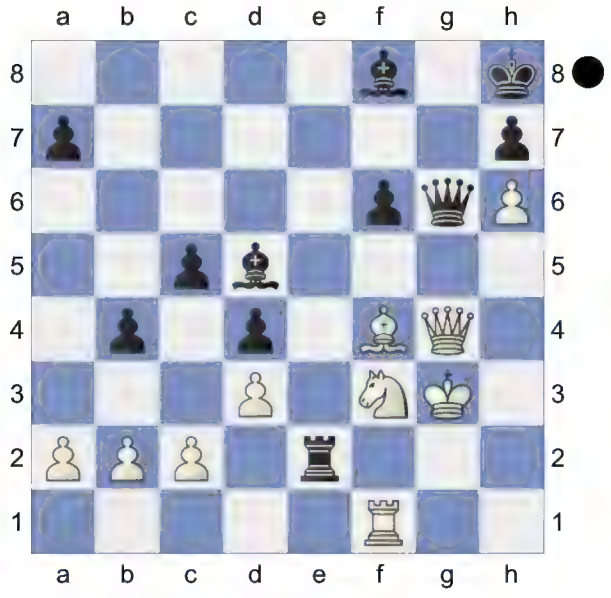
101 **A02**
□ **Jakubiec,Artur** **2532**
■ **Galdunts,Sergey** **2487**
3. GM Griesheim GER (7) 04.02.2003
[Kitty Kat]

A02: Bird's Opening
Cyrus Lakdawala: 'Cyrus Lakdawala, MH: 'A02: Bird's Opening'' **1.f4 d6 2.Nf3 Nf6 3.g3 g6 4.Bg2 Bg7 5.0-0 0-0 6.d3 c5 7.Nc3**
[7.e4 Nc6 8.Nc3 Bg4 9.h3 Bxf3 10.Qxf3 Nd7 11.Kh2 e6 12.Bd2 Nd4 13.Qd1 Rc8 14.Rb1 b5 15.Ne2 Nb6 16.c3 Nc6 17.Ng1 b4 18.h4 e5 19.f5 c4 20.Bg5 f6 21.Be3 gxf5 Kushko,D (2379)-Tan,R (1992) Chess.com INT 2023 1-0 (71)]
7...Nc6 8.Nh4 Rb8 9.f5N Black is slightly better.
[9.a4 a6 10.f5 Nd4 11.e4 b5 12.axb5 axb5 13.fxg6 fxg6 14.Bg5 Bg4 15.Qd2 b4 16.Nd1 Nh5 17.Rxf8+ Qxf8 18.Ra7 Ne2+ 19.Kh1 Nhxg3+ 20.hxg3 Nxg3+ 21.Kg1 Ne2+ 22.Kh1 Ng3+ 23.Kg1 Bd4+ Danielsen,H-Jones,G Reykjavik 2016 FS: The Modern [Cyrus Lakdawala] 0-1]
9...Nd4 10.Bh3 b5 11.e3 -0.87/19
[11.e4∓ -0.56/19]



11...b4!∓ 12.Ne2
[12.Nb1 Nc6]
12...Nxe2+ 13.Qxe2 d5 14.g4 Rb6 15.Nf3 Ne8 16.Rd1 -1.28/16
[⌓16.e4 -0.89/17]
16...e6 -0.96/20
[⌓16...Nd6 -1.28/16 17.e4 dxe4 18.dxe4 Bb7]
17.e4 exf5 18.gxf5 gxf5 19.exf5 Nd6 20.Bg5 f6 21.Bf4 Nxf5 22.Qf2 -1.07/20 Inhibits Nd4.
[White should play 22.Kh1 -0.73/19]
22...d4 23.Bxf5 Bxf5 24.Kh1 Qd5 25.Rg1 Re8 -0.90/20
[⌓25...Kh8 -1.30/20 26.Rg3 Rg8]
26.Qg2 -1.46/21
[White should try 26.Qg3 -0.90/20 Bg6 27.Qg2]
26...Re7 Active counter play! **27.Raf1 Qd7 28.Rf2**
[But not 28.Nh4? Bh3 29.Qf2 Bxf1 30.Qxf1 Rbe6-+]
28...Be6 29.Qg3 Bd5
[Resist 29...Bxa2 30.b3±]
30.h4 -1.49/20

[⌓30.Bh6 -1.17/18]
30...Kh8 31.Kh2 Rbe6 32.h5 And now h6 would win. **32...Re2** Threatens to win with ...Qe8. **33.h6 Bf8** aiming for ...Rxf2+. This bishop pair is nice. **34.Rfg2** -3.66/23
[34.Rgf1 -2.00/21]
34...Qf5-+ Chess con chili. **35.Rf1?** -6.91/23
[35.Bd6 -3.44/24 Qh5+ 36.Qh3 Qxf3 37.Qxf3 Bxf3 38.Bxe7 Rxg2+ 39.Rxg2 Bxe7 40.Rg1]
35...Qh5+ 36.Qh3 Rxg2+ 37.Kxg2 Re2+ 38.Kg3 Qg6+ 39.Qg4

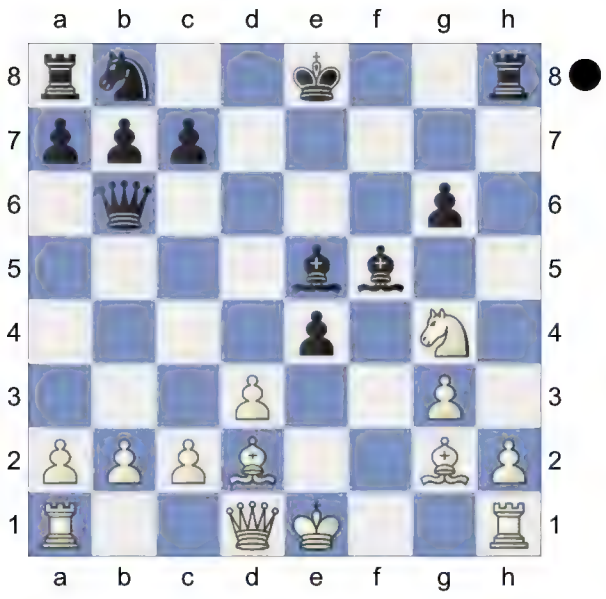


Rg2+!
Weighted Error Value: White=0.73/ Black=0.05 (flawless)
0-1

102 **A02**
□ **Agdestein,Simen** **2590**
■ **Olafsson,Helgi** **2478**
Reykjavik zt 1.3 (1.1) 05.09.2000
[Kitty Kat]

A02: Bird's Opening
GM Mihail Marin: 'GM Mihail Marin, MH: 'A02: Bird's Opening" **1.f4 e5 2.fxe5 d6 3.exd6 Bxd6 4.Nf3 g5 5.g3 g4 6.Nh4 Ne7 7.Nc3**
[7.d4 Ng6 8.Nxg6 *(8.Ng2 Nc6 9.c3 h5 10.e4 h4 11.e5 Ncxe5 12.dxe5 Nxe5 13.gxh4 Nf3+ 14.Ke2 Qe7+ 15.Be3 Bd7 16.Nd2 Bc6 17.Nc4 0-0-0 18.Qc2 Nxh4 19.Kd1 Bc5+ 20.Kc1 Bxe3+ 21.Ncxe3 Nxg2 22.Nxg2 Qg5+* Stachowiak,J-Pierzak,R corr 2001 UltraCorr3a [Konikowski] 0-1 (31) *)* 8...hxg6 9.Qd3 Nc6 10.c3 Bd7 11.Bg2 Qf6 12.Nd2 Qg7 13.Nc4 Be7 14.Bf4 0-0-0 15.0-0-0 Bf6 16.e4 g5 17.Be3 Qg6 18.d5 Ne5 19.Nxe5 Bxe5 20.Bxa7 Rh6 21.Bd4 Qg7 Gade,M-Laurent,C (2320) corr 1991 1-0 (43)]
7...Ng6 8.Nxg6 hxg6 9.Ne4 The position is equal. **9...Be5N**
[9...f5 10.Nxd6+ Qxd6 11.d3 Bd7 12.Bf4 Qb4+ 13.Qd2 Qxd2+ 14.Kxd2 Bc6 15.e4 Na6 16.h4 0-0-0 17.Kc3 Nc5 18.Be2 fxe4 19.d4 Na4+ 20.Kb3 Bd7 21.c4 Nb6 22.Kc3 Bf5 23.b3 Nd7 24.Raf1 Line From'S Gambit-4...g5 [GM Mihail Marin] (33)]
10.e3 f5 11.Nf2 Qd5 12.e4 fxe4 13.Bg2 Bf5 14.d3 -0.09/20
[14.c3!± 0.38/21]
14...Qa5+ 0.61/22
[14...Nc6= -0.09/20]
15.Bd2 -0.29/20
[Better is 15.Qd2± 0.61/22 Qxd2+ 16.Bxd2 *(16.Kxd2 Nc6=)*]
15...Qb6!↑ ...e3 is the strong threat. Black is more active. **16.dxe4**
[16.Nxg4?

(Diagram)



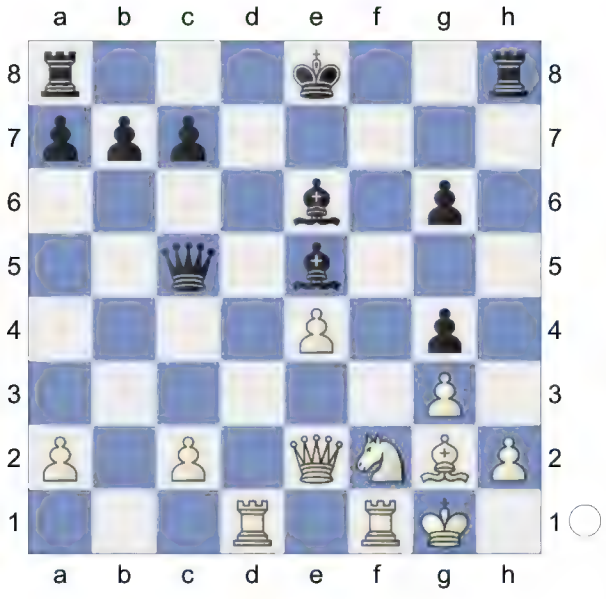
Bxg3+! 17.hxg3 Rxh1+ 18.Bf1 Nc6 19.dxe4 Bxg4 20.Qxg4 Ne5-+]

16...Be6 17.Qe2 -0.82/22
[17.Nxg4 Bxb2 18.Rb1 0-0∓]
[17.c3= -0.20/20]

17...Nc6 18.Be3 -1.46/22
[⌓18.Nd3 -1.04/21]

18...Qxb2∓ 19.0-0 Nd4 -0.77/22
[⌓19...0-0-0 -1.35/24 20.Nd3 Nd4]

20.Bxd4 Qxd4 21.Rad1 Qc5 0.01/22
[21...Qb6∓ -0.40/22 is more appropriate.]



22.Rd5!= Qc3
[22...Bxd5 23.exd5 Qe7 24.Qxg4± *(24.Re1 Rh5=)*]

23.Nd3 -0.68/21
[23.Qb5+ c6 24.Qxb7 Rb8∓]
[White should try 23.Rd3= -0.01/22 Qc5 24.Rd5 *(24.Kh1 Bd4∓)*]

23...Bd4+∓ A strong pair of Bishops.
[23...Bxd5 24.exd5 Rh5 25.Nxe5 Rxe5 26.Qxg4= *(26.Qb5+ Ke7∓)*]

24.Kh1 And now Nf4 would win. **24...c6?** 1.83/19
[24...g5∓ -0.34/20 stays ahead.]

25.Rd6+- Qc4 26.Nf4 Qxe2 27.Rxe6+
[Less strong is 27.Nxe2 Bc4 28.Nxd4 Bxf1 29.Bxf1 Rd8 30.Rxd8+ Kxd8±]

27...Kd7 (-> ...Rxh2+!) **28.Nxe2** Really sharp! **28...Kxe6 29.Nxd4+ Ke5 30.Ne2 Rhd8 31.Nf4 Rd2 32.Nxg6+ Ke6** 5.30/22
[32...Kd4 3.34/22 was worth a try. 33.e5 Re8 34.Rf4+ Ke3]

33.e5 White is clearly winning. **33...Rxc2** 11.99/27
[⌓33...Re8 5.08/21 34.Be4 Rd4]

34.Be4 Rxa2 35.Rf6+ Kd7 36.e6+ 5.50/24
[⌓36.Rf7+ 11.87/22 Kd8 37.Rf8+ Kc7 38.Rxa8]

36...Kc7 37.e7 Threatens to win with Rf8. **37...Re8 38.Rf8 Rxe7**
[38...Ra1+? 39.Kg2 Ra2+ 40.Kf1 Rxe7 41.Nxe7+-]

39.Nxe7 Re2 40.Rf4 a5 41.Rxg4 a4

(Diagram)

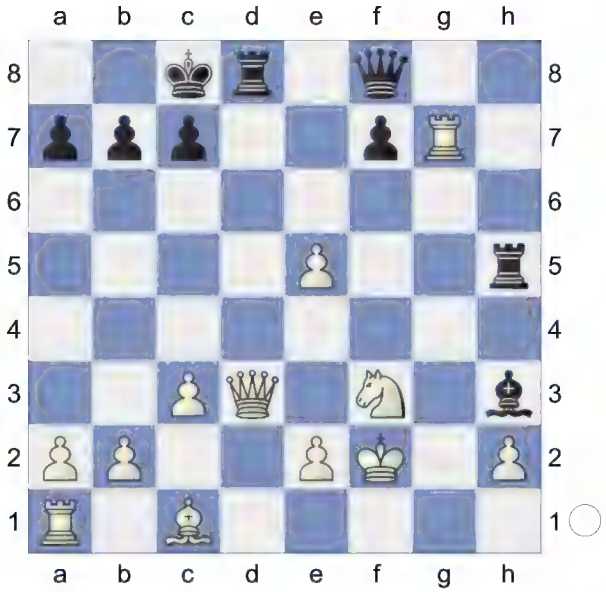
42.Nxc6! bxc6

43.Bxc6! Kxc6
[43...a3 44.Bd5]
44.Rxa4 Kd5 45.Rf4 Ke5 46.Kg1 Ra2 47.Rf2 What a bad dream for Black.
Weighted Error Value: White=0.32/ Black=0.34
1-0

103 **A02**
□ **LCZero 0.31-dag-c93c6a8-BT4-6**
■ **Berserk 20250113** **0**
TCEC 27 Theory Bonus B (49.2) 29.1.25
[Kitty Kat]

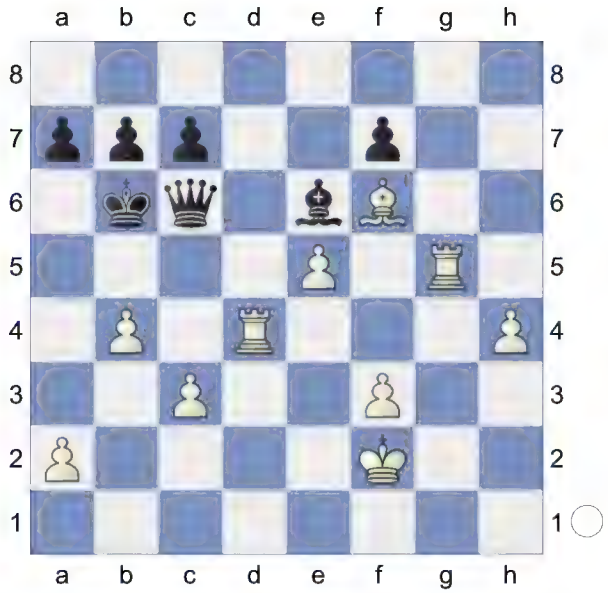
A02: Bird's Opening
1.f4 e5 2.fxe5 d6 3.exd6 Bxd6 4.Nf3 Nc6 5.d4 Nf6
[5...Bg4 6.e3 Qe7 7.Be2 Nf6 8.Nc3 0-0 9.0-0 Rae8 10.a3 Qd7 11.Nb5 Nd5 12.Nxd6 Qxd6 13.Qd3 Bh5 14.c4 Bg6 15.Qb3 Nf4 16.Bd1 Ne6 17.c5 Qd7 18.d5 Nxc5 19.dxc6 Qxc6 20.Qc3 1-0 (30) Tylor,T (2330)-Aigner,M (2245) Masters Las Vegas USA 2006 (7)]
6.c3N
[6.Nc3 Bg4 7.Be3 Qe7 8.Qd2 Bb4 9.Qd3 Ne4 10.Nd2 Bf5 11.Ncxe4 Bxe4 12.Qb5 a6 13.Qg5 f6 14.Qg3 Bxd2+ 15.Kxd2 Qb4+ 16.Kc1 Qa4 17.b3 Qa3+ 18.Kd1 Qb2 19.Rc1 Nxd4 20.c3 Nf5 0-1 (29) Krause,C-Weinreich,F corr 1969 21.Qf4 Nxe3+ 22.Qxe3 0-0-0+ 23.Ke1 Rhe8 0-1 Mohd,A-Petrowa,L USSR 3/387 1967]
[6.e3 Qe7 7.Bd3 0-0 8.0-0 Ng4 9.Qe2 Re8 10.Nc3 Nxe3 11.Re1 Nf5 12.Qf2 Qd8 13.Rxe8+ Qxe8 14.Bd2 Qd8 15.Ne4 Ncxd4 16.Nxd4 Nxd4 17.Rf1 f5 18.Bg5 Be7 19.Bxe7 Qxe7 20.Qxd4 fxe4 0-1 (36) Wuttke,J (2042)-Langheld,W (2038) corr 54.DSFM/V4 2009]
[6.Bg5 h6 7.Bh4 g5 8.Bf2 Ne4 9.e3 g4 10.Bh4 gxf3 11.Bxd8 f2+ 12.Ke2 Bg4+ 13.Kd3 Nb4+ 14.Kxe4 f5# 0-1 NN-Schlechter Vienna 1887]
6...Ng4 7.g3 0.25/20
[7.Qd3± 0.63/17]
7...h5 8.Qd3! White is slightly better.

8...h4 9.gxh4
[9.Nxh4 Rxh4 10.h3 Bf5∓]
9...Qe7 10.Bh3 Nf2 Discovered Attack
11.Kxf2 Bxh3 12.Nbd2
[12.Bg5 f6 13.Be3 0-0-0∓]
12...Rxh4 13.Nc4 Rh5 Against Bc1-g5
14.Rg1 0-0-0 15.Nxd6+ Qxd6
16.Rxg7 Ne5 17.dxe5
[17.Nxe5 Qf6+]
17...Qf8
[17...Qxd3? 18.exd3 Rxd3 19.Rxf7+-]



18.Qxd8+ Kxd8 19.Bg5+ Kd7! 20.Bf6 Kc6 21.b4 Kb6 22.Rd1 Qe8 23.Rd4 Be6 24.h4 Rf5 0.56/20
[24...Qa4= 0.17/19]
25.Rg5± Rxf3+! 26.exf3
[26.Kxf3 Qc6+ 27.Kf2 Qxc3=]
26...Qc6

(Diagram)



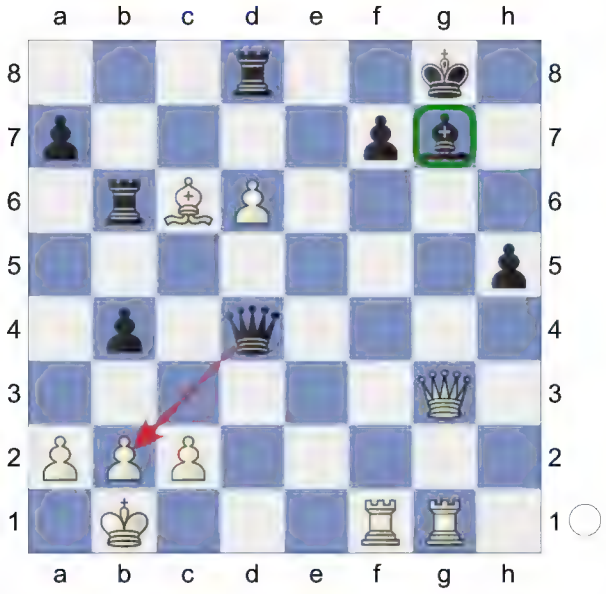
27.c4! Qa4 28.Rg1 Qxb4 29.Rgd1! Qb2+ 30.R1d2 0.01/21
[30.R4d2± 0.41/21 is superior. Qc3 31.h5]
30...Qc1= 31.h5 Ka5 32.Rd1 Qc2+ 33.R4d2 Qh7 34.Rh1 Bxc4 35.Bg5 c5 36.a4 Be6
[36...Qf5 37.Be3 Bd3 38.Rh4+- *(38.Bxc5 Be4-+)*]
37.Be3 b6 38.h6 Kb4 39.Rh4+ Ka5 40.Rb2 Ka6 41.Re2 Bd5 42.Rd2 Be6 43.Rd6 Qc2+ 44.Kg3 Qg6+ 45.Kh2 Qc2+ 46.Bd2
[46.Rd2!? Qh7□ 47.Rd6±]
46...Bf5 47.Kg3 Qb1 Prevents Rh4-h1.
48.a5 Kb5
[48...Qg1+ 49.Kf4 Bh7 50.axb6 axb6 51.Be3±]
49.axb6 axb6 50.Kg2 Qc2 51.Rh2 Bh7! 52.Kg3 Qb1 Repels Rh2-h1
53.Rf6 c4! The position is equal. **54.Rf2**
[54.Rxf7? perishes. Qg6+-+]
54...Qa1 55.Bf4 Qg1+ 56.Rg2⇄ White puts up resistance **56...Qe1+ 57.Kg4 c3** Repels Rg2-b2+ **58.Rxf7 Qb1 59.Rg7** Prevents Qb1-g6+. Black should prevent Rg7-g5. **59...Bf5+ 60.Kg5 Be6** and ...Qb1-f5+ would now

be decisive
[60...Bh3!? 61.Rg4□ *(61.h7? Qf5+ 62.Kh6 Bxg2-+)* 61...Bxg4 62.fxg4 Qd1±]
61.Rg4! Qf5+!
[61...Bxg4 62.fxg4 c2 63.Rc7]
62.Kh4 Rg7-g6 would now be deadly.
62...Qd3
[62...Qf8 63.Kg3 Bxg4 64.Kxg4]
63.h7 Qxf3 64.Kh5! Chess con chili.
64...Bxg4+ 65.Rxg4 Qh3+ 66.Rh4 Qf5+ 67.Kh6 Qe6+ 68.Kg5
Weighted Error Value: White=0.03 (flawless) /Black=0.03 (flawless)
½-½

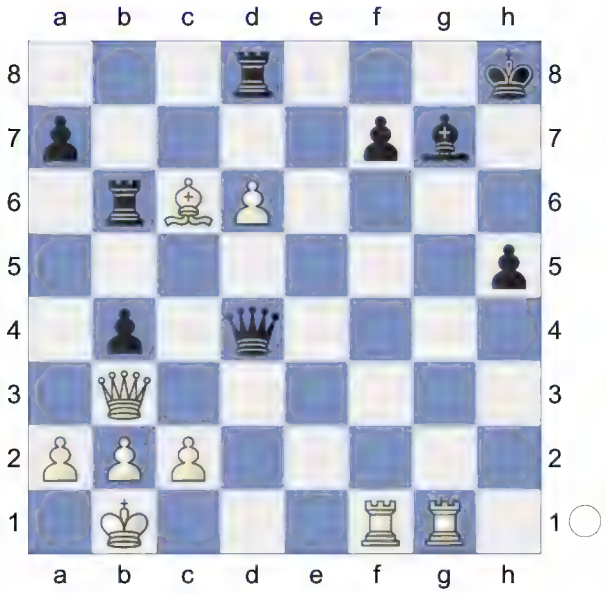
104 **A02**
□ **Jakubiec,Artur** **2537**
■ **Fries-Nielsen,Jens Ove** **2453**
GM Aarhus DEN (2) 28.07.2003
[Kity Kat]

A02: Bird's Opening
1.f4 g6 2.Nf3 Bg7 3.g3 d6
[3...d5 4.Bg2 Nd7 *(4...c5 5.d3 Nc6 6.0-0 Nf6 7.Qe1 0-0 8.e4 dxe4 9.dxe4 e5 10.Nc3 Re8 11.fxe5 Ng4 12.Bg5 Qb6 13.Nd5 Qxb2 14.Nc7 Be6 15.Nxa8 Rxa8 16.h3 Ngxe5 17.Nxe5 Bxe5 18.Rb1 Qxc2 19.Rxb7* Sajtlava,I (2015)-B6 (2323) Leon 2023 Inf11 [John Watson] 1-0 (34) *)* 5.c3 c6 6.d3 e5 7.Qc2 Qe7 8.fxe5 Nxe5 9.0-0 h5 10.Nxe5 Bxe5 11.d4 Bc7 12.e4 h4 13.e5 hxg3 14.hxg3 Bf5 15.Qf2 f6 16.Nd2 fxe5 17.Nf3 e4 18.Bg5 Wielgo,E (2371)-Kostka,V (2578) f) 8...d6 9.Rd1 a6 10. b3 Nbd7 11.e4 0-0 2010 Telechess CBM 89 [Gelfand] 0-1 (62)]
4.d3N
[4.Bg2 e5 5.Nc3 *(5.fxe5 dxe5 6.0-0 Ne7 7.c3 0-0 8.d3 Nbc6 9.e4 h6 10.Be3 Bg4 11.h3 Bxf3 12.Rxf3 f5 13.Nd2 g5 14.exf5 Rxf5 15.Qb3+ Kh8 16.Raf1 Rxf3 17.Rxf3 Qd7 18.Ne4 Na5 19.Qa3 Nac6* Palacios De la Prida,E-Gadia,O Malaga 1965 EXT 1999 [ChessBase] 1-0 (71) *)* 5...Nc6 6.d3 Nge7 7.0-0 h6 8.e4 Bg4 9.h3 Be6 10.Be3 f5 11.Qd2 Qd7 12.h4 0-0-0 13.Rae1 Kb8 14.fxe5 dxe5 15.b4 0-1 (15) Prasse,U (2305)-Pasanen,T (2439) Budapest 2009 Lexikon14 [Kupreichik, Viktor D; Mochalov,E]]
4...e5 5.Nc3 exf4 6.Bxf4 Ne7 7.Bg2 Nbc6 8.e4 The position is equal. **8...0-0 9.Qd2 Bg4 10.h3**
[10.0-0-0 looks sharper. d5 11.Bh6 d4 12.Bxg7 Kxg7 13.Ne2]
10...Bxf3 11.Bxf3 Nd4 12.Bg2 c6 13.h4 h5 14.0-0-0 b5 0.52/18
[14...a5= 0.21/18]
15.g4 aiming for gxh5. **15...b4**
[15...hxg4 seems wilder. 16.h5 Qd7 17.Bh6 Qe6]
16.Ne2 Nxe2+ 17.Qxe2 Qa5 1.97/18
[17...Nd5± 0.81/20 18.exd5 Qf6]
18.Kb1+-
[18.Bxd6 Qxa2! 19.Kd2 *(19.Bxe7? Bc3 20.bxc3 bxc3 21.Bxf8 Qb2#)* 19...Rfe8∓]
18...Rfe8 19.Qf3
[19.Bxd6 Rad8 20.Bh2 Nd5=]
19...Rab8 2.49/21
[⌓19...Qc5 1.66/18 20.gxh5 Rf8]
20.Bxd6 hxg4 21.Qxg4 Hoping for h5.
21...Rb7 22.d4 Nc8 23.e5 Nxd6 24.exd6 Rd8 25.h5
[25.Bxc6?! Rb6±]
25...Qf5 26.Qg3
[Resist 26.Qxf5 gxf5 27.h6 *(27.Bxc6 Rb6+-)* 27...Bf6 28.Bxc6 Rb6+-]

26...gxh5 27.Bxc6 Rb6 28.Rhg1 Qf6 29.Rdf1 1.05/20 **Qxd4±**

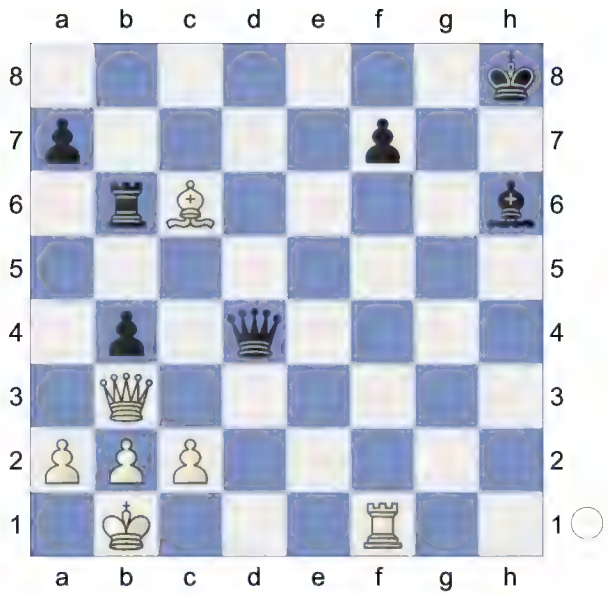


30.Qb3→ White attacks with force. Dancing on a razor blade. **30...Kh8**



31.Rg5! &Bianco is more active.
31...Rxd6
[31...Bh6 32.Rxh5]
32.Rxh5+ Bh6 (-> ...Qd1+!)
[32...Rh6? 33.Rxh6+ Bxh6

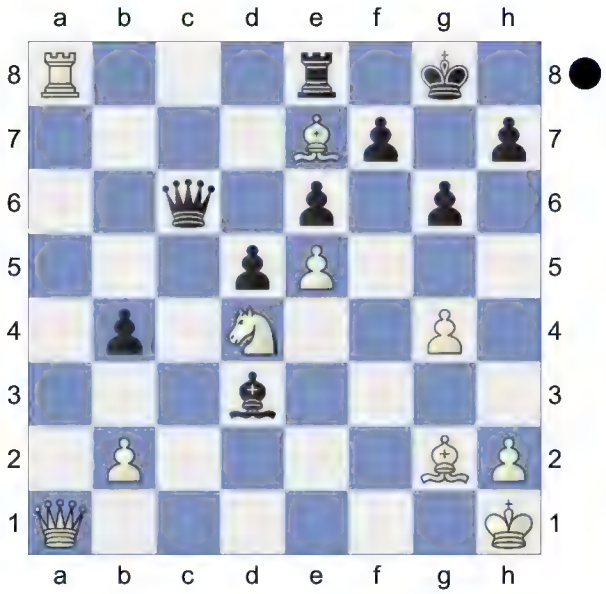
(Diagram)



34.Qxf7! Rxc6 35.Qe8+ Kh7 36.Qxc6+-]
33.Bf3 Against Qd1+ **33...Qg7** 2.70/22 Loses the game.
[33...Kg7± 1.13/19]
34.Qc4+- Rd8 35.Qh4 Rd4 36.Qh2 Strongly threatening Rg1. **36...Rg6** Inhibits Rg1. **37.Rh1 Kh7 38.Bd1 Rgd6** 2.41/22
[⌓38...Qf6 1.68/19 39.Qh3 Qe6]
39.Be2 Bd3+ is the strong threat.
39...f5? 5.10/22
[39...Qg6 2.39/21 40.Qe5 Kg8 41.Qe8+ *(41.Rxh6 Qxh6 42.Bh5 Rd8±)* 41...Kg7]
40.Bd3 White is clearly winning.
40...Rxd3 41.cxd3 Rf6 42.Qf4
Weighted Error Value: White=0.20 (precise) /Black=0.33
1-0

105 **A02**
□ **Danielsen,Henrik** **2495**
■ **Nielsen,Peter Heine** **2530**
Ch playoff Copenhagen DEN (4) 1996
[Kitty Kat]

B20: Sicilian: Unusual White 2nd moves
1.f4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.g3 g6 4.Bg2 Bg7 5.0-0 d6 6.d3 e6
[6...Rb8 7.c4 e6 8.Nc3 Nge7 9.Rb1 a6 10.Bd2 0-0 11.e4 f5 12.Ne2 b5 13.b3 Bd7 14.h3 Qc7 A 02/01]
7.e4 Nge7 8.a4N
[8.c3 0-0 9.Be3 b6 10.Kh1 Bb7 11.Na3 Rc8 12.Qd2 Qd7 13.Rad1 Rfd8 14.Rfe1 d5 15.Bg1 d4 16.c4 Nb4 17.b3 a6 18.g4 Re8 19.Qf2 Qc7 20.Nh4 Kh8 21.Nb1 Ng8 22.a3 Nc6 Santo Roman,M (2420)-Apicella, M (2465) France 1994 EXT 1997 [ChessBase II] 1-0 (57)]
8...a6 9.c3 0-0 10.Be3 Rb8 11.Nbd2 b5 12.axb5
[12.e5 is interesting. Nf5 13.Bf2 dxe5 14.Nxe5 Nxe5 15.fxe5 Qxd3 16.Ne4]
12...axb5 The position is equal. **13.d4 cxd4 14.cxd4 Bd7 15.Bf2 Na5 16.Qe2 b4 17.Rfc1**
[17.Qa6!? Nac6 18.Rfc1±]
17...Bb5 18.Qe1 d5 19.e5
[19.Ne5 seems wilder. Qb6 20.exd5 Nxd5 21.Rc5]
19...Nc4 0.12/20
[19...Qb6 -0.27/18 feels stronger.]
20.Nxc4= Bxc4 21.g4 -0.14/20
[21.Nd2!± 0.38/20]
21...Bh6 22.Bh4 -0.34/19
[22.g5= 0.00/18 Bg7 23.Nd2]
22...Bxf4 0.84/22
[22...Qd7∓ -0.34/19 stays ahead.]
23.Bf6!± Re8 0.67/22
[23...Bxc1 24.Qxc1 Ra8 25.Qh6! Rxa1+ 26.Kf2]
[Black should play 23...Rb7= -0.10/20]
24.Ra7 -0.53/19
[24.Qh4!± 0.67/22 Be2 25.Ng5]
24...Ra8 0.76/20
[24...Bxc1? 25.Qxc1 Nf5 26.gxf5+-]
[24...Rc8!∓ -0.53/19 keeps the upper hand.]
25.Rca1 Chess con chili. &Bianco is more active. **25...Rxa7 26.Rxa7 Bd3** 1.83/24
[26...b3± 1.10/22]
27.Qa1 1.32/23
[27.Qxb4+- 1.83/24 Qc8 28.Rxe7]
27...Qb6 2.08/20
[27...Qc8± 1.32/23]
28.Bxe7+-
[Resist 28.Rxe7?! Rc8±]
28...Be3+ 29.Kh1 aiming for Bc5.
29...Bxd4 2.69/23
[29...b3 1.99/21 was called for. 30.Bc5 Qb5]
30.Ra8 Qc6 White is clearly better.
31.Rxe8+
[But not 31.Nxd4?



Rxa8! 32.Qg1 Qc4∓]
31...Qxe8 32.Bxb4
[Don't play 32.Nxd4?! Qxe7 33.Qc1

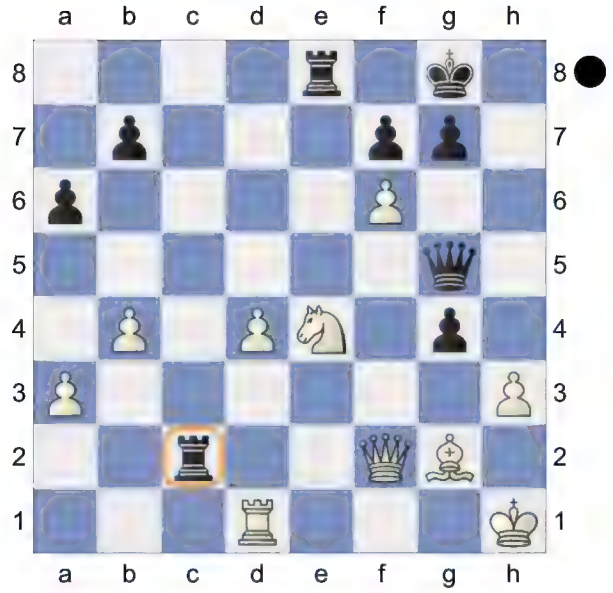
Qa7±]
32...Bb6 33.Qc1 Be4 34.Ng5
Weighted Error Value: White=0.21 (precise) /Black=0.36
1-0

106 **A02**
□ **LCZero v0.26.3-rc1_T60.SV.JH. 3542**
■ **Stockfish Nn Bae 0**
TCEC 19 Superfinal 2020 (49) 07.10.20
[Kitty Kat]

A02: Bird's Opening
1.f4 e5 2.fxe5 d6 3.exd6 Bxd6 4.Nf3 Nf6 5.g3 0-0N
[5...Nc6 6.Bg2 Bg4 7.c3 *(7.d3 Bc5 8.Nc3 a6 9.Bg5 h6 10.Bxf6 Qxf6 11.Qd2 0-0-0 12.Rf1 Rhe8* A 02/04 2000*)* 7...Qd7 8.d4 0-0-0 9.Nbd2 Rde8 10.Nc4 Ne4 11.Nxd6+ cxd6 12.0-0 h5 13.d5 Ne5 14.Qd4 Nc5 15.b4 Na6 16.Nxe5 Rxe5 17.e4 h4 18.Bf4 Reh5 19.Qxg7 Nc7 20.Qd4 1-0 (30) George,R-Franco Cazon,R Malmoe 70/401 1997 hxg3 21.Bxg3 Bh3 22.Rf2 Bxg2 23.Rxg2 f5 24.e5 dxe5 25.Bxe5 Re8 26.Rd1 f4 27.Bxc7 f3 28.Qxa7 Qxc7 29.d6 f2+ 30.Qxf2 ½-½ Ekenloev,L-Nocci,R EU/M/GT/366 corr 1992]
[5...Ng4 6.Bg2 Nxh2 7.Nxh2 Bxg3+ 8.Kf1 Qf6+ 9.Nf3 g5 10.d4 g4 11.Rh6 Qf5 12.e4 Qb5+ 13.Qe2 Qxe2+ 14.Kxe2 gxf3+ 15.Bxf3 Nc6 16.c3 Ne7 17.Bg5 Ng8 18.Rh5 f6 19.Be3 Bd6 20.Nd2 1-0 (25) Walter, R-Schlesinger,P USA-ch corr 1979]
6.Bg2 h6 7.0-0 Re8 8.Nc3 White is slightly better. **8...c5 9.d3 Nc6 10.e4 Bg4 11.Be3 c4** 0.74/20
[11...Rc8± 0.38/17]
12.h3± Bh5 13.g4
[13.dxc4 Bxg3 14.Qxd8 Raxd8=]
13...Bg6 14.Qe2
[14.dxc4 Nxe4 *(14...Bxe4 15.Re1=)* 15.Nxe4 Rxe4= *(15...Bxe4 16.c3=)*]
14...Qa5 15.a3
[15.dxc4 Nxe4 *(15...Bxe4 16.Rad1∓)* 16.Nd5 Ng3∓]
15...Rad8 16.Rad1
[16.dxc4 Nxe4 *(16...Bxe4 17.Kh1∓)* 17.Nxe4 Rxe4∓ *(17...Bxe4 18.b4∓)*]
16...Rd7 17.Rd2
[17.dxc4 Nxe4 18.Nxe4 Rxe4±]
17...Qd8 18.Rfd1
[18.dxc4?! Nxe4 19.Nxe4 Rxe4=]
18...Na5 19.Re1 0.36/20
[19.dxc4 Nxe4 20.Nxe4 Rxe4± *(20...Bxe4 21.b3±)*]
[19.Bxa7 cxd3 20.cxd3 b6∓]
[19.Qf2± 0.78/21]
19...Nc6± 20.Bf2 cxd3! 21.cxd3 Bf4 0.57/21
[21...h5= 0.11/20]
22.Rdd1 Bb8 23.Qc2 Ne5 24.Nxe5 Bxe5 25.Kh1 a6 26.Na4 Bd4

27.Nc5 Rc7 28.b4 Rc8 29.Bxd4 Qxd4 30.Nb3 Qe5 31.Qf2 h5 32.d4 Qg5
[Don't go for 32...Nxe4? 33.Rxe4

Qxe4 34.Bxe4+-]
33.e5⇄ White has counterplay **33...Bc2! 34.Nd2 Bxd1 35.Rxd1 hxg4 36.exf6 Rc2! 37.Ne4**



Discovered Attack **37...Rxf2 38.Nxg5 Ree2 39.Bxb7**
[39.Bf1 Re3±]
39...gxf6 40.Ne4 Rh2+ 41.Kg1 Reg2+! 42.Kf1 gxh3 43.Nxf6+
[43.Bxa6? Rh1#]
43...Kg7 44.Nh5+ Kh6! 45.Bxg2 hxg2+ 46.Kf2 Kxh5= Endgame KR-KR **47.Rd3 Kg4 48.d5 Kf5 49.d6 Rh8! 50.d7 Rd8 51.Rd6! Ke5 52.Rxa6**
[52.Rd2 with more complications. Ke6 53.a4 Rxd7 54.Rxd7 g1B+ 55.Kxg1 Kxd7 56.Kg2]
52...Rxd7 53.Kxg2 Rd2+ 54.Kf3 Kf3-e3 is in the air **54...Rd3+ 55.Ke2 Rb3 56.Kd1 f5 57.Kc2 Rh3 58.b5 f4 59.a4 Rh2+ 60.Kd1 f3** Hoping for ... Rh2-h1+. The position is equal. **61.Ke1 Rb2 62.Rh6 Ra2 63.Rh4 Kd6 64.Rc4** and b5-b6 should not be overlooked **64...Rb2 65.Kf1 Kd5**
Weighted Error Value: White=0.03 (flawless) /Black=0.05 (flawless)
½-½

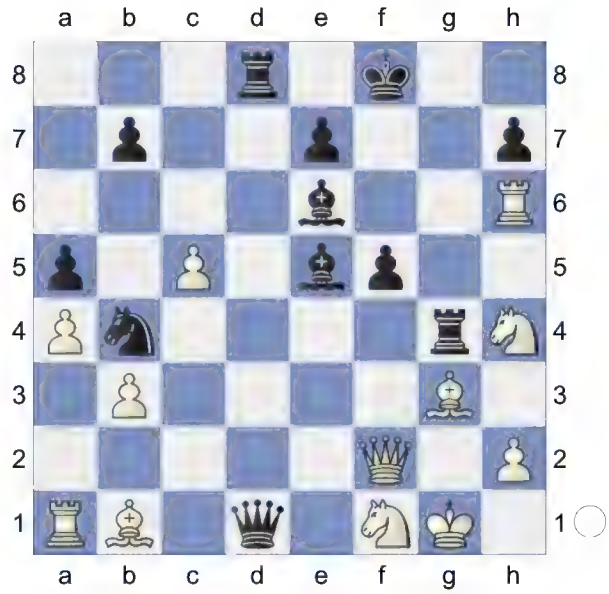
107 **A03**
□ **Huebner,Robert** **2615**
■ **Wittmann,Walter** **2380**
olm Manila olm (1) 01.06.1992
[Kitty Kat]

A03: Bird's Opening with 1...d5
1.f4 d5 2.Nf3 g6 3.e3 Bg7 4.c4 c6 5.Nc3 Nf6 6.Be2 0-0 7.0-0 Nbd7
[7...c5!?]
8.d4 dxc4 9.a4 Prevents b5. **9...a5** The position is equal. **10.e4** White has compensation. **10...Nb6 11.Ne5 Ne8N**
[11...Be6 12.Be3 Nfd7 13.f5 gxf5 14.exf5 Bd5 15.Ng4 A 03/06]
12.Be3 Nd6 13.b3 -0.29/20
[⌓13.Kh1 0.17/18]
13...Be6= 14.Bf2 -1.07/21
[14.bxc4∓ -0.42/22 Ndxc4 15.Bf2]
14...f6? 0.64/21
[14...cxb3∓ -1.07/21 aiming for ...Rc8. 15.Rb1 Nd7]
15.Nxc4± And now d5 would win. &Bianco is more active. **15...Bf7**
[15...Bxc4? 16.bxc4 Nd7 17.Qb3+-]
16.Ne3 f5 17.e5 Ne8 18.g4 0.35/19
[White should try 18.Nc4± 0.86/18]
18...Be6 0.68/17
[⌓18...fxg4 0.35/19 19.Bxg4 Nc7]
19.gxf5 gxf5 20.Bd3 Nc7 21.Ne2 0.10/17
[21.Qf3± 0.51/17 is more appropriate.]
21...Nbd5= 22.Ng2 Nb4 23.Bb1 Ncd5 24.Be1 Qd7 25.Rf3 Rf7 26.Rh3 Bh8 0.56/18
[26...Kh8= 0.24/18]
27.Ng3 Kf8 0.89/18
[27...c5= 0.28/17 remains equal.]

28.Rh6 Nc7 1.35/19
[28...c5± 0.59/18]
29.Nh4 0.91/18
[⌓29.Bf2 1.35/19]
29...Rd8 1.78/19
[29...c5± 0.91/18]
30.Bf2!+- Qh5 is the strong threat.
30...Ncd5

31.Qf3 c5 32.dxc5 0.60/21
[32.Bxf5+- 1.77/19 Bxf5 33.Ngxf5]
32...Nxf4± 33.Qxf4 Strongly threatening Ng6+! **33...Qd1+**

34.Nf1! Rg7+? 3.16/22 Loses the game.
[34...Nd5± 0.84/20 35.Ng6+ Ke8]
35.Bg3+- Rg4? 5.63/22
[35...Nd5 2.74/20 36.Qd2 Qxd2 37.Nxd2 f4 38.Bxh7 fxg3 39.Rf1+ *(39.Rxe6 Rxh7 40.Ndf3 Nf4=; 39.Ng6+ Rxg6 40.Rxg6 Bxe5±)* 39...Ke8]
36.Qf2 White is clearly winning.
[36.Rxe6? Rxf4 37.Bxf4 Qd4+ 38.Be3 Qxa1-+]
36...Bxe5



37.Bxf5! Qxa1
[37...Qd4 38.Bxe6+]
38.Bxg4+
[Worse is 38.Rxe6 Bd4 39.Re3 *(39.Bxg4+ Bxf2+ 40.Bxf2 Nd3∓)* 39...Bxe3 40.Qxe3 Rg7=]
38...Bf7 39.Bxe5
Weighted Error Value: White=0.13 (very precise) /Black=0.42
1-0

108 **A02**
□ **Larsen,Bent** **2660**
■ **Fischer,Robert J** **2760**
Candidats sf1 (6) 1971
[Kitty Kat]

B21: Sicilian: 2 f4 and Morra Gambit
Milic,Borislav: 'Milic,B: 'Inf 12/4'' **1.f4 c5 2.Nf3 g6 3.e4 Bg7 4.Be2 Nc6 5.0-0 d6**
[5...e6 6.c3 d5 7.d3 Nge7 8.Kh1 b6 9.Be3 Bb7 10.a4 Qc7 11.Na3 Rd8 12.e5 a6 13.d4 c4 14.Nb1 Nf5 15.Bf2 h5 16.Nh4 Nce7 17.Nd2 Bh6 18.Nxf5 Nxf5 19.g3 Kd7 20.Kg2 Gosling,P (2171)-Robinson,E (2448) Birmingham ENG 2009 OPN, A90 [M Ruefenacht] 0-1 (47)]
[5...d5 6.d3 Nf6 7.e5 Nd7 8.c3 e6 9.d4 h5 10.Na3 Bf8 11.Nc2 Be7 12.Be3 b6 13.a3 Bb7 14.b4 c4 15.a4 f6 16.exf6 Nxf6 17.Ng5 Qd7 18.Ne1 0-0 19.h3 Nh7 20.Ngf3 Bjarneboe,D (2417)-Saering,P (2175) London 2023 CT-2879 [John Watson] 1-0 (50)]
6.d3 e6
[6...Nf6 7.c4 0-0 8.Nc3 a6 9.Kh1 Ne8 10.Be3 Bg4 11.Ng5 Bd7 12.Qe1 Nd4 13.Bxd4 cxd4 14.Nb1 h6 15.Nf3 Nf6 16.Na3 b5 17.Nd2 e5 18.cxb5 axb5 19.Nc2 Be6 20.Nb4 exf4 21.Rxf4 Larsen,B-Benko,P Palma de Mallorca 1971 CI1-130 [Milic,Borislav] ½-½ (50)]
7.Na3N
[7.a4 Nge7 8.c3 d5 9.Na3 b6 10.e5 h5 11.Nc2 Nf5 12.b4 Bf8 13.Rb1 Be7 14.d4 cxb4 15.cxb4 a5 16.b5 Nb4 17.Nxb4 Bxb4 18.Rb3 Bd7 19.Bd2 Be7 20.Qc2 0-0 21.Rc1 Rc8 Larsen,B-O'Kelly de Galway,A Casablanca Memorial 5 1967 [JvR] 1-0 (44)]
7...Nge7 8.c3 0-0 The position is equal.
9.Be3 a6 10.d4 cxd4 11.Nxd4 b5 12.Nxc6 Nxc6 13.Qd2 Qc7 14.Rad1 Rd8 15.Nc2 Rb8
[15...Bb7!?]
16.a3 Na5 17.e5 -0.45/21
[17.f5= 0.01/20]
17...Bf8!∓ 18.b4 -0.86/22
[18.Nb4∓ -0.50/19 is superior.]
18...Nc6∓ 19.Nd4 dxe5 20.fxe5 Nxe5 21.Bg5 -1.00/20
[21.Bf4∓ -0.56/21]
21...Rd5 22.Qf4 Bg7
[22...Qxc3 23.Bf3 Bg7 24.Bxd5 exd5 25.Kh1+-]
23.h4 -1.42/20
[⌓23.Rc1 -1.11/19]
23...Rb7 -0.34/21
[Black should try 23...Qxc3∓ -1.42/20 Strongly threatening ...Bb7. 24.Bf6 Bxf6 25.Qxf6 Bd7]
24.Bf6 -1.16/22
[24.Nb3!∓ -0.34/21]
24...Bxf6 25.Qxf6 Qxc3 -0.40/23
[25...Qe7∓ -1.05/20 White must now prevent ...Qxf6. 26.Qxe7 Rxe7]
26.h5∓ gxh5
[26...Qxa3? 27.Nf5 exf5 28.Rxd5+-]
27.Kh1 Ng4
[27...Rxd4? 28.Rc1 Qc6 29.Rxc6 Nxc6 30.Bf3+-]
28.Bxg4 hxg4 The board is on fire.
29.Qh6 Against Rh5+ **29...Bd7**
[29...Qxa3 30.Nf5! exf5 31.Rxd5+-]
30.Rf4 f5 Black wants to play ...Be8.
[30...Qg3? 31.Rdf1 Rf5 32.Ne2 *(32.Rxf5 exf5 33.Qg5+ Kf8=)* 32...Rxf4 33.Nxg3 Rxf1+ 34.Nxf1+-]
31.Qf6? -2.33/24 This costs White the game.
[31.Qg5+= -0.01/20 and White is okay. Kh8 32.Qf6+ *(32.Qd8+*

Kg7=) 32...Kg8 33.Qg5+ Kh8 34.Qf6+ *(34.Qd8+ Kg7=)* 34...Kg8 35.Qg5+]

31...Bc8-+

[31...Qxa3? 32.Rdf1 Rxd4 33.Rxd4+-]

32.Rff1 Hoping for Rc1. **32...Rf7**

33.Qh6 Bb7

[And not 33...Rxd4 34.Rc1 Qc4 35.Rxc4 bxc4 36.Qe3∓]

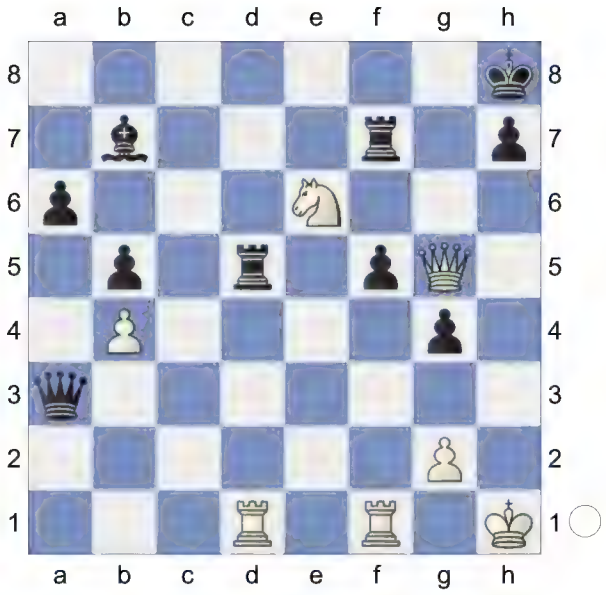
[Not 33...Qxa3 34.Nxe6 Bxe6 35.Rxd5 Bxd5 36.Qg5+ Kh8 37.Qd8+ Kg7 38.Qg5+ Kh8 39.Qd8+ Kg7 40.Qg5+ Kh8=]

34.Nxe6

And now Rxd5 would win. **34...Qf6!**

[34...Qxa3 gets mated. 35.Qg5+ Kh8

(Diagram)



36.Qd8+!! Rxd8 37.Rxd8+]

35.Qe3 -7.47/26

[35.Qxf6 -1.88/23 Rxf6 36.Nf4 Rxd1 37.Rxd1]

35...Re7 Black is clearly winning.

36.Rde1 Rd6 Threatens to win with ... Qh4+. **37.Qg5+ Qxg5 38.Nxg5 Rxe1 39.Rxe1 Bd5 40.Re8+ Kg7**

Weighted Error Value: White=0.45/ Black=0.17 (very precise)

0-1

109 **A03**

□ **Wigbout,Max**

■ **Rogers,Daniel**

New Zealand-BCCA 1997

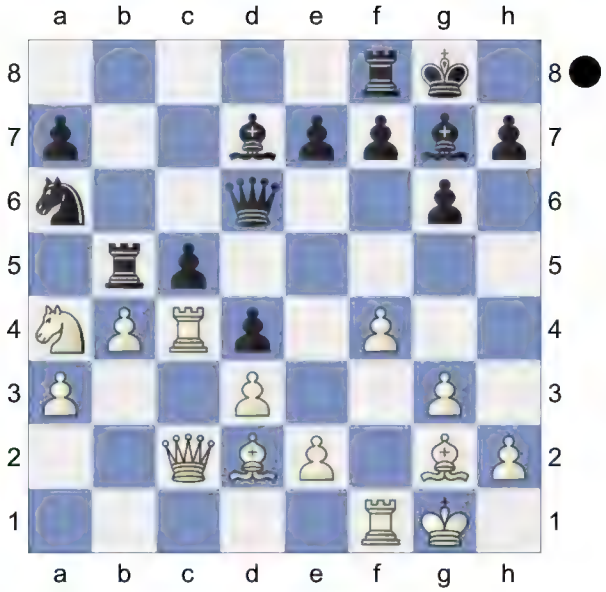
[Kitty Kat]

A03: Bird's Opening with 1...d5

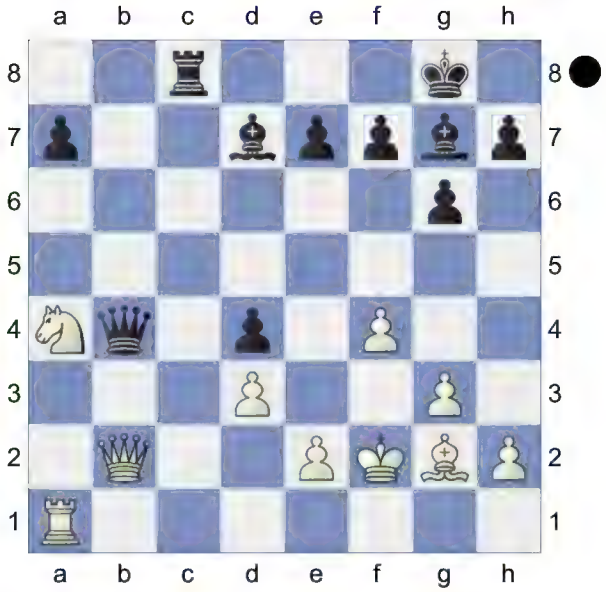
1.f4 d5 2.Nf3 Nf6 3.g3 g6 4.Bg2 Bg7 5.0-0 0-0 6.d3 c5 7.Nc3 d4 8.Na4 Na6N

[8...Nbd7 9.c4 Qc7 10.Rb1 Rb8 11.b4 *(11.a3 b6 12.b4 Bb7 13.e4 dxe3 14.Bxe3 Ng4 15.Bd2 e5 16.fxe5 Ngxe5 17.Bf4 Nxf3+ 18.Bxf3 Bxf3 19.Qxf3 Be5 20.Bh6 Bg7*

21.Bxg7 Kxg7 22.Rbe1 Qd6 23.b5 f5 24.Re3 Nf6 25.Rfe1 Rfe8 Nilsen,T (2246)-Valvag,T (1995) Drammen 2023 ½-½ (74) *)* 11...b6 12.bxc5 bxc5 13.Rxb8 Qxb8 14.Bd2 Bb7 15.Qc2 Qc7 16.Rb1 Bc6 17.Nb2 e5 18.Nxe5 Nxe5 19.fxe5 Nd7 20.e6 Bxg2 21.e7 Re8 22.Kxg2 Rxe7 23.Bf4 Ranta,P-Griesmann,M corr ICCF 1991 UltraCorr3a [CCYB] 0-1 (40)]
[8...Nfd7 9.c4 a6 10.Ng5 Ra7 11.Ne4 Qc7 12.f5 b5 13.Bf4 Ne5 14.fxg6 bxa4 15.Bxe5 Qxe5 16.gxf7+ Rxf7 17.Rxf7 Kxf7 18.Qxa4 Bf5 19.Rf1 Bf6 20.Qa5 Nd7 21.Qd8 Kg7 22.Rf4 e6 23.Qc8 Jahnel,G (2343)-Kunin,V (2544) Nuremberg 2009 EXT 2010 [Gutman,Lev] 1-0 (55) Qc7 24.Qe8 Ne5 25.Nxf6 Kxf6 26.Qh8+ Kg6 27.Be4 Qg7 28.Qe8+ Kg5 29.Qc8 Nd7 30.Qc6 Qg6 31.Qd6 h5 32.Bc6 Nf6 33.Qxc5 Rc7 34.Rxd4 Kh6 35.Qf8+ Rg7 36.Bf3 Qg5 37.Kf2 Ng4+ 38.Bxg4 Hrivnak,D-Chandran,T Haarlem 1966 CBM 152 Extra [Budovskis, Latvian CC mag 5/95 p20] 1-0 (55)]
9.c4 Rb8 10.a3 -0.66/19
[10.Bd2 -0.33/17 might be stronger.]
10...Bd7 -0.23/17
[10...b5∓ -0.66/19 11.cxb5 Rxb5]
11.Ne5= Be8
[11...Ng4 looks sharper. 12.Nxd7 Qxd7 13.Rb1 b5]
12.Bd2 Nd7 13.Nxd7 Qxd7 14.b3 b5 15.cxb5 Rxb5 16.Rc1 -0.53/21
[16.Rb1= -0.17/19 feels stronger.]
16...Qe6∓ 17.Rc4 Bd7 18.Qc2 Qd6 0.07/20
[18...Rfb8!∓ -0.65/21]
19.b4? -1.44/22
[White should try 19.Rc1= 0.07/20]



19...cxb4∓ 20.axb4 Nxb4 21.Bxb4 -2.12/22
[21.Qc1 -1.68/19 was worth a try.]
21...Rxb4-+ 22.Ra1 Rxc4 23.Qxc4 Rc8 Prevents Nc5. **24.Qb3** -2.69/21
[⌓24.Qd5 -1.85/24]
24...Rb8 25.Qc2 Qb4 Against Nb2 **26.Kf2 Rc8** Inhibits Nc5. **27.Qb2**



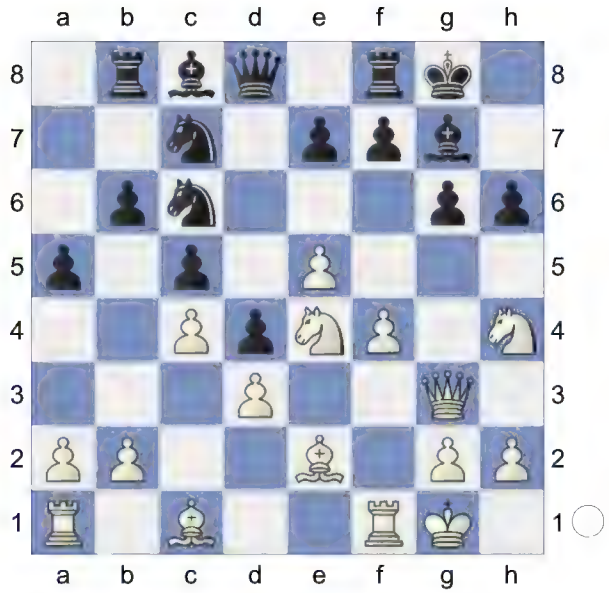
Qxb2 -0.90/21
[27...Qa5!-+ -2.37/21 is more deadly. Strongly threatening ...h5. 28.Qb7 Be6]

28.Nxb2∓ Rc7 29.Nc4 e6 30.Ra5 -1.42/23
[⌓30.Nd6 -0.92/20]
30...Bf8 31.Ne5 -1.99/23
[31.Be4∓ -1.47/22]
31...Bb4
Weighted Error Value: White=0.29 (precise) /Black=0.21 (precise)
0-1

110 **A03**
□ **Barash,Dmitry Feliksovich**
■ **Mikenas,Vladas**
LTU jub100 corr8893 1988
[Kitty Kat]

A03: Bird's Opening with 1...d5
1.f4 g6 2.Nf3 Bg7 3.e3 Nf6 4.Be2 0-0 5.0-0 c5 6.d3 d5 7.Qe1 Nc6 8.Qh4 b6 9.Nbd2 Ba6 10.c3
[10.Ne5 Nxe5 11.fxe5 Nd7 12.e6 fxe6 13.Nf3 e5 14.e4 dxe4 15.Qxe4 Nf6 16.Qxe5 Qd6 A 04/09-N,N]
10...Ne8N Black is slightly better.
[10...Qc7 11.Rf2 Rad8 12.Ne5 Nxe5 13.fxe5 Ne8 14.Nf3 f6 15.Bd2 Bc8 16.Raf1 Qc6 17.b3 b5 18.g4 Nc7 19.Bd1 Ne6 20.d4 fxe5 21.Qxe7 exd4 22.cxd4 cxd4 23.exd4 Nxd4 24.Ng5 Qd7 25.Qc5 Wikstroem,B-Collett,J Sweden 1975 0-1 (51)]
11.Qf2 h6 -0.15/20
[11...Qc7∓ -0.63/17]
12.e4= d4 13.c4 Bc8 14.e5 Nc7 15.Qg3 Rb8 16.Ne4 a6 17.Nh4 a5? 2.48/18
[17...Ne8± 0.55/17]

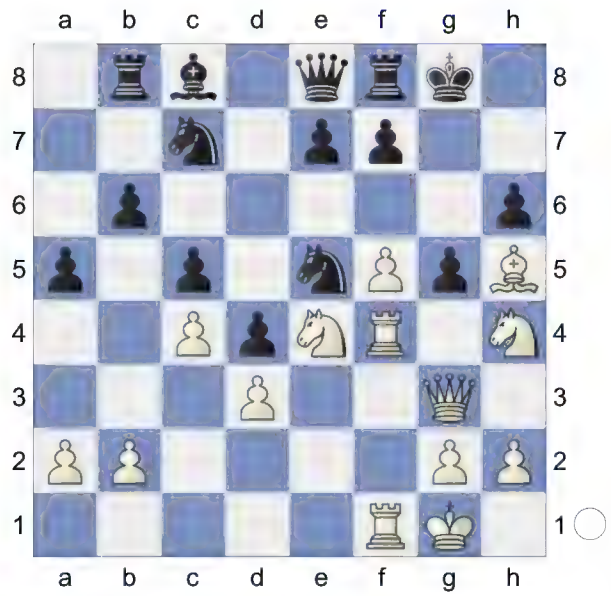
(Diagram)



18.f5!+- aiming for f6. **18...Bxe5** 3.59/23
[⌓18...Ne8 2.24/20 19.fxg6 f5 20.exf6 Nxf6 21.Nxf6+ Rxf6]
19.Bf4 Bxf4 20.Rxf4 Qe8? 5.55/21
[20...e5? 21.fxe6 Nxe6

22.Nxg6! Nxf4 23.Ne7+ *(23.Nxf4+ Kh8=)* 23...Kh7 24.Nf6+ Kh8 25.Qxf4+-]
[20...Ne5 3.40/19 is a better defense. 21.Rff1 *(21.fxg6 f6+-)* 21...g5 22.Qxe5 f6]
21.Bh5 White is clearly winning.
21...Ne5 22.Raf1 g5 7.95/19

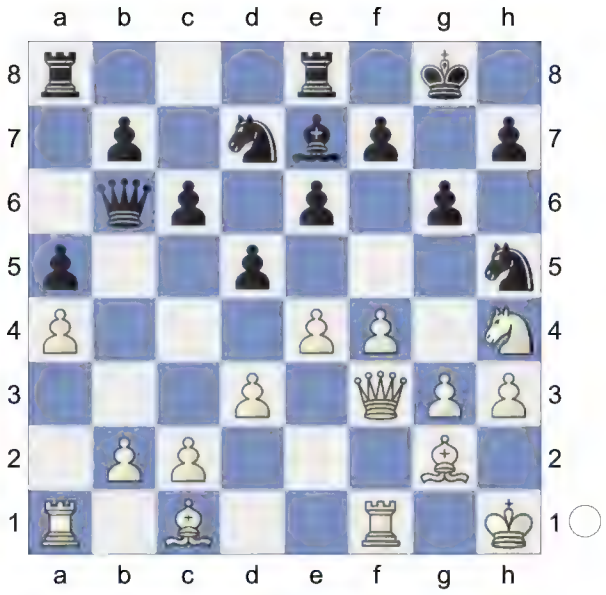
[⌓22...Kg7 4.80/18 23.R4f2 Rb7 24.Qxe5+ f6]



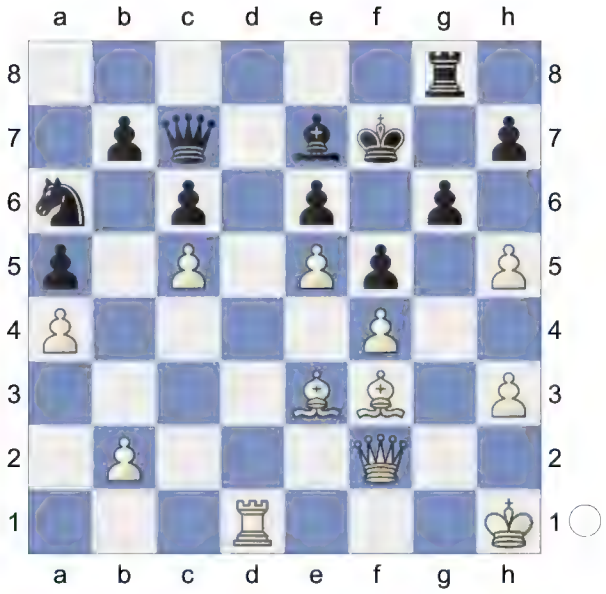
23.Nxg5! hxg5 24.Qxg5+ Black did not feel at home in the position after the opening.
Weighted Error Value: White=0.09 (flawless) /Black=0.65
1-0

111 **A03**
□ **Jacobsen,B**
■ **Hennings,Artur**
9/2 Kapfenberg 1970
[Kitty Kat]

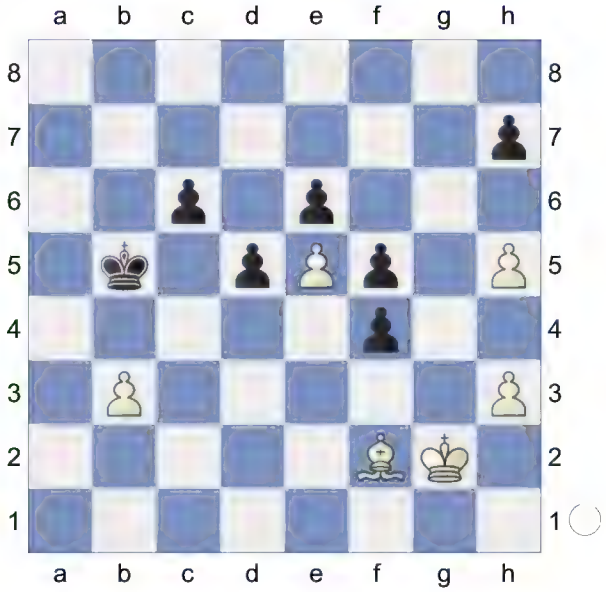
A03: Bird's Opening with 1...d5
1.f4 Nf6 2.Nf3 d5 3.g3 Bg4 4.Bg2 Nbd7 5.d3 c6 6.Nbd2 Qb6 7.a4 a5 8.h3 Black is slightly better. **8...Bxf3 9.Nxf3** -0.82/23
[9.Bxf3∓ -0.50/21 deserves consideration. e5 10.e4]
9...e6 -0.18/21
[9...Nh5!∓ -0.82/23 10.g4 Ng3]
10.e3= Bd6 11.0-0 0-0 12.Kh1 Rfe8 13.Nh4 g6 14.e4 Nh5 15.Qf3 Be7



16.g4! Bxh4
[16...dxe4 17.dxe4]
17.gxh5 f5 Against Qg4 **18.Be3 Qc7** 0.49/20
[Better is 18...Qxb2= -0.01/19 19.hxg6 hxg6]
19.e5± Kf7 20.c4 0.35/19
[20.Qe2± 0.73/19]
20...dxc4! 21.dxc4 Red8 22.c5 Be7 23.Qf2 0.43/22
[White should try 23.Rac1± 0.75/21]
23...Nb8 24.Rad1 Rxd1! 25.Rxd1 Na6! 26.Bf3 Rg8

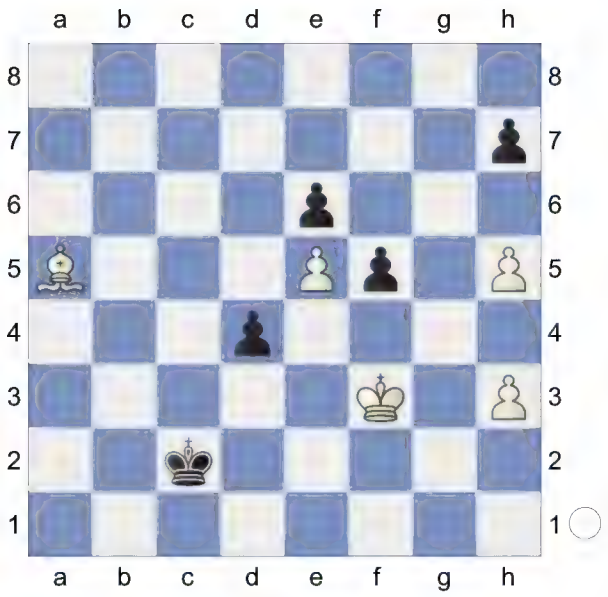


27.Rd6! Nb4 28.Qd2 -0.04/23
[28.h6± 0.39/22 feels stronger.]
28...Nd5 29.Bxd5 cxd5 30.Rb6 g5 0.78/21
[30...gxh5= 0.13/20 keeps the balance. 31.Bf2 Qd7]
31.Rb5? -3.17/22
[31.fxg5± 0.78/21 And now h4 would win. Qxe5 32.Qd4 *(32.Rxb7 Qe4+ 33.Kh2 d4=)*]
31...gxf4? -1.11/23
[31...d4-+ -3.17/22 is more deadly. 32.Bxd4 gxf4]
32.Bd4∓ Rb8 0.01/21
[32...Rg3∓ -1.11/22 33.Kh2 Bg5]
33.Qxa5 Bd8 1.88/19
[33...Qxa5= 0.01/21 and Black is okay. 34.Rxa5 f3]
34.Qa7? 0.23/22
[34.Qxc7+!+- 1.88/19 Bxc7 35.a5]
34...Qc8? 5.65/20
[34...f3= 0.23/22]
35.Rb3? 0.01/21
[35.c6+- 5.65/20 Ke8 36.Rxb7 Rxb7 37.Qxb7]
35...Bc7? 2.03/22
[35...f3= 0.01/21 and Black stays safe.]
36.a5? -0.01/24
[36.c6!+- 2.03/22 bxc6 37.Rxb8 Qxb8 38.Qxb8 Bxb8 39.a5]
36...Ke8 1.08/20
[36...f3= -0.01/24 37.c6 Qg8 38.Rxf3 Qg5]
37.c6 0.01/21
0x0.001c527d0e92dp-1022s more active pieces.
[37.a6 bxa6 38.Rxb8 Qxb8 39.Qxa6 Ke7∓]
[37.h6!± 1.08/20]
37...bxc6= 38.Rxb8 Deflection
38...Qxb8 3.55/24
[38...Bxb8= 0.01/23 and Black has nothing to worry. 39.Qxh7 Qa6]
39.Qxb8++- Bxb8= Endgame KB-KB
40.a6 Kd7 41.a7 Bxa7 42.Bxa7+- KB-KP **42...Kc7 43.Kg2 Kb7 44.Bf2** 2.33/25
[⌓44.Bd4 3.97/27 Strongly threatening Bc3. Ka6 45.b3 *(45.Kf3 Kb5±)*]
44...Ka6 45.b3 Threatens to win with Kf3. **45...Kb5**



46.Be1
[Less strong is 46.Kf3 Kb4 47.Kxf4 c5=]
46...c5? 4.39/29
[46...Kc5 2.09/27 47.Bc3 *(47.Kf3 Kd4±)* 47...d4]
47.Kf3 c4 48.bxc4+ Kxc4 49.Kxf4 Black must now prevent Kg5. **49...d4 50.Ba5 Kd3 51.Kf3 Kc2**

(Diagram)



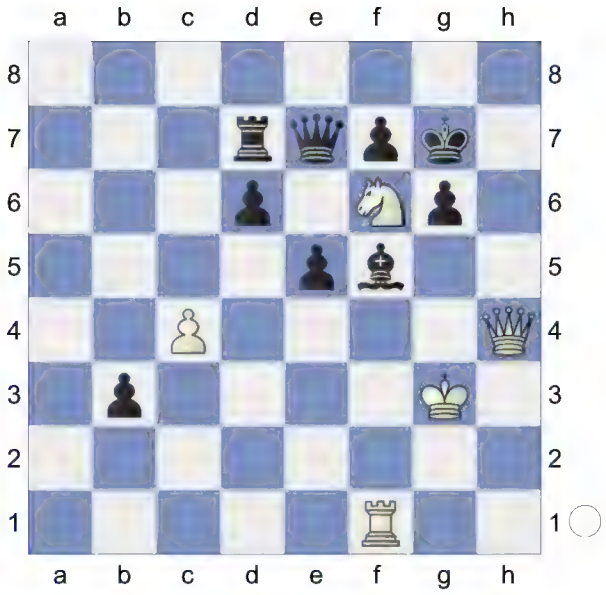
52.Ke2? 0.00/36
[52.h6!+- 5.06/32]
52...d3+= The position is equal. **53.Ke1** Hoping for Bd2. **53...f4 54.h6 f3 55.Kf2 d2 56.Bxd2 Kxd2 57.Kxf3** K3P-KPP **57...Kd3 58.Kf4** White wants to mate with Kg5. **58...Kd4 59.h4 Kd5 60.Kg5** Intending Kf6 and mate. **60...Kxe5** ...Kd5 is the strong threat. **61.h5 Kd6 62.Kf6 e5 63.Kg7 Ke7 64.Kxh7N** White threatens Kg6 and mate. **64...Kf7** (-> ...e4) **65.Kh8** Blacks defense is rewarded with a draw.
Weighted Error Value: White=0.51/ Black=0.53
½-½

112 **B25**
□ **Palermo,Vicente**
■ **Najdorf,Miguel**
ARG-ch XLV Final (7) 24.03.1968
[Kitty Kat]

B25: Closed Sicilian: 3 g3, lines without early Be3
1.f4 Nf6 2.Nf3 g6 3.g3 Bg7 4.Bg2 0-0 5.d3 c5 6.0-0 Nc6 7.e4 d6 8.a4 Rb8 9.Nc3 a6 10.Nh4 Nd4 11.f5 e6N
[11...b5 12.axb5 axb5 13.fxg6 fxg6 14.Bg5 Bg4 15.Qd2 b4 16.Nd1 Nh5 17.Rxf8+ Qxf8 18.Ra7 Ne2+ 19.Kh1 Nhxg3+ 20.hxg3 Nxg3+ 21.Kg1 Ne2+ 22.Kh1 Ng3+ 23.Kg1 Bd4+ 24.Be3 Ne2+ 25.Kh1 Qf6 26.Qe1 Dziadyk,P-Kaupat,T Elista 2016 MAS B15 GS [Sale,Srdjan] 0-1]
12.g4 The position is equal. **12...Nd7 13.g5 Be5 14.f6 b5 15.axb5 axb5 16.Nf3 b4 17.Ne2 Nxf3+ 18.Bxf3 h6 19.h4 Nxf6** 0.81/20 **20.gxf6± Qxf6 21.Kg2**
[21.Bxh6? Qxh4 22.Bf4 Bxf4 23.Nxf4 Qxf4-+]
21...Bxb2
[21...Qxh4 22.Rh1 Qf6 23.Bxh6±]
22.Bxh6 Bxa1 23.Bxf8 Be5 24.Bh6 Qxh4 25.Rh1⇄ Inhibits Qh2+. White is fighting back **25...Qe7 26.Qd2 Bd7 27.Bf4 Bg7 28.Bg5 Bf6 29.Bxf6 Qxf6 30.Qh6 Qg7** Inhibits Qh7+. **31.Qh2 e5 32.Ra1** 0.01/21 Prevents Ra8.
[32.Ng3± 0.70/21]
32...Qf6 33.Qg3 Kg7 Black has compensation. **34.Bg4 Be8** -0.01/21
[34...Bb5∓ -0.53/20]
35.Qe3 -0.36/19
[35.Rh1= -0.01/21]
35...Kg8 0.79/21
[35...Bc6∓ -0.36/19 keeps the upper hand.]
36.Qh6! Bb5 1.11/23
[⌓36...Bc6 0.71/20]
37.Rf1 0.62/23
[37.Ng3± 1.11/23 b3 38.Nf5! *(38.cxb3 Qf4=)*]
37...Qg7± 38.Qg5 c4 1.47/24
[38...Ba4!± 0.59/21]
39.Qe7± &Bianco is more active.
39...Qf8 40.Qc7 0.01/23
[40.Qf6+- 1.70/24 aiming for Be6!

cxd3 41.Rh1!]
40...Re8= Against Be6 **41.dxc4 Ba4 42.Ng3** Hoping for Qa5. **42...Bxc2** Threatening ...b3. **43.Qa5 b3** ...b2 is the strong threat. **44.Qd2 Qe7 45.Rh1 Qf6!** And now ...Qf4 would win. **46.Bd7?** -3.77/21
[46.Qh6? b2 47.Bf3 b1Q-+]
[46.Rf1= -0.01/22 Qe7 47.Rh1]
46...Qf4? -0.48/21 **47.Qe2?** -4.07/22
[White should play 47.Qxf4∓ -0.48/21 exf4 48.Bxe8 fxg3 49.Kxg3]
47...Ra8-+ 48.Rf1 Qg5 49.Qf3 Qe7 50.Qg4 -4.59/22
[⌓50.Nf5 -3.19/22 gxf5 51.Qxf5 Bxe4+ 52.Qxe4 Ra2+ 53.Kf3 Qxd7 54.Qg4+ Qxg4+ 55.Kxg4]
50...Ra7? -1.14/21
[50...b2-+ -4.59/22 has better winning chances. 51.Nf5 *(51.Bc6? Bd3-+)* 51...Bxe4+! 52.Kg3 *(52.Qxe4? Qg5+ 53.Kh2 Ra1-+)* 52...Bxf5 53.Bxf5 Qf6]
51.Nh5? -3.18/20 **Rxd7??** 2.68/22
[51...Bd3-+ -3.18/20 and life is good for Black. 52.Rf6 *(52.Nf6+? Kg7-+)* 52...Bxe4+! 53.Qxe4 gxh5]
52.Nf6++- Kg7 Threatens to win with ...Rd8. **53.Qh4** White threatens Qh7+ and mate.
[53.Qxd7? is the wrong capture. Bxe4+! 54.Kg3 Qxd7 55.Nxd7 b2-+]
[53.Nxd7? b2 54.c5 dxc5-+]
53...Bxe4+ 54.Kg3 Dancing on a razor blade. **54...Qd8?** 6.24/24
[54...Bf5

(Diagram)

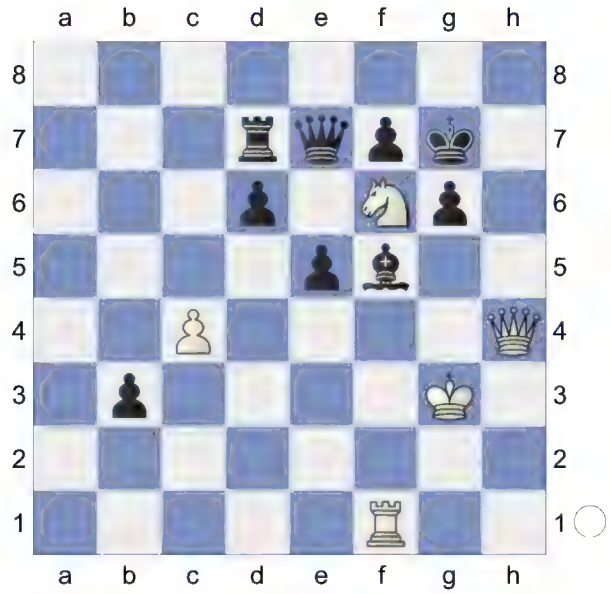


leads to mate. 55.Rxf5!]
[54...g5 2.81/24 55.Qxe4 Qxf6 56.Rxf6 Kxf6 57.Qf3+ Kg7 58.Qxb3 Re7]
55.Qh7+ Kf8 56.Nxe4 1.75/21
[56.Qh6+ 5.64/22 Ke7 57.Nxe4]
56...b2? #23/22
[56...f5+- 1.75/21 57.Qxg6 f4+ 58.Kf3 Qh4]
57.Qh6+ 12.51/24
[⌓57.Qh8+ #23/22 Ke7 58.Qh4+ g5 59.Qxg5+ Kf8 60.Qh6+ Ke7 61.Qh4+ Kf8 62.Qh7]
57...Ke7 58.Qh4+ Kf8 59.Nf6? 3.47/25
[59.Ng5 11.74/23 Qh8+ would kill now. Qxg5+ 60.Qxg5]
59...Rb7? 23.23/28
[59...d5 3.47/25 60.Nxd7+ Qxd7 61.Qh8+ Ke7 62.Qf6+ Ke8 63.Qh8+ Ke7 64.Qf6+ Ke8 65.Qxe5+ Qe6 66.Qxd5 Qe3+ 67.Qf3 Qg5+ 68.Kh2 Qd2+ 69.Kh3 Qd7+ 70.Kg2 Qd2+ 71.Kh3 Qd7+ 72.Kh2 Qd2+ 73.Kh3]
60.Qh8+ Ke7 61.Nd5+ Deflection. What a bad dream for Black.
Weighted Error Value: White=0.65/ Black=0.75
1-0

113 **B25**
□ **Garcia Palermo,Carlos H**
■ **Najdorf,Miguel**
6/406 Mar del Plata 1968
[Kitty Kat]

B25: Closed Sicilian: 3 g3, lines without early Be3
1.f4 Nf6 2.Nf3 g6 3.g3 Bg7 4.Bg2 0-0 5.d3 c5 6.0-0 Nc6 7.e4 d6 8.a4 Rb8 9.Nc3 a6 10.Nh4 Nd4 11.f5 e6N
[11...b5 12.axb5 axb5 13.fxg6 fxg6 14.Bg5 Bg4 15.Qd2 b4 16.Nd1 Nh5 17.Rxf8+ Qxf8 18.Ra7 Ne2+ 19.Kh1 Nhxg3+ 20.hxg3 Nxg3+ 21.Kg1 Ne2+ 22.Kh1 Ng3+ 23.Kg1 Bd4+ 24.Be3 Ne2+ 25.Kh1 Qf6 26.Qe1 Dziadyk,P-Kaupat,T Elista 2016 MAS B15 GS [Sale,Srdjan] 0-1]
12.g4 The position is equal. **12...Nd7 13.g5 Be5 14.f6 b5 15.axb5 axb5 16.Nf3 b4 17.Ne2 Nxf3+ 18.Bxf3 h6 19.h4 Nxf6** 0.82/20 **20.gxf6± Qxf6 21.Kg2** 0.33/20
[21.Bxh6? Qxh4 22.Bf4 Bxf4 23.Nxf4 Qxf4-+]
[21.h5± 0.78/19]
21...Bxb2±
[21...Qxh4 22.Rh1 Qf6 23.Bxh6±]
22.Bxh6 Bxa1 23.Bxf8 Be5 24.Bh6 Qxh4 25.Rh1 Against Qh2+ **25...Qe7 26.Qd2⇄** White is not keeping still **26...Bd7 27.Bf4 Bg7 28.Bg5 Bf6 29.Bxf6 Qxf6 30.Qh6 Qg7** 0.66/24 Inhibits Qh7+.
[Better is 30...Rc8= -0.01/18]
31.Qh2 e5 32.Ra1 -0.01/21 Against Ra8
[32.Ng3!± 0.53/22]
32...Qf6 33.Qg3 -0.62/21
[33.Qh6= 0.01/21]
33...Kg7∓ Black has compensation.
34.Bg4 Be8 -0.01/22
[34...Bb5!∓ -0.61/22]
35.Qe3 -0.39/21
[35.Qh3= -0.01/22]
35...Kg8 0.01/20
[35...Bc6∓ -0.39/21 is superior.]
36.Qh6= Bb5 1.37/21
[36...Bc6!= 0.01/21 remains equal.]
37.Rf1 0.33/24 &Bianco is more active.
[37.Ng3!± 1.37/21 Strongly threatening Nh5! b3 38.Nf5! *(38.cxb3 Qf4=)*]
37...Qg7± 38.Qg5 White wants to play Rf6. **38...c4?** 1.83/23
[38...Ba4!= 0.01/21]
39.Qe7+- And now Rxf7! would win.
39...Qf8 40.Qc7 0.28/23
[White must play 40.Qf6+- 1.93/24 cxd3 41.Rh1!]
40...Re8= Inhibits Be6. **41.dxc4 Ba4 42.Ng3 Bxc2 43.Qa5 b3** Threatens to win with ...b2. **44.Qd2 Qe7** ...Ra8 is the strong threat. **45.Rh1** With the idea Bd1.
45...Qf6! 46.Bd7? -4.89/22
[46.Qh6? b2 47.Bf3 b1Q-+]
[46.Rf1= -0.01/24 and White has nothing to worry. Qe7 47.Rh1]
46...Qf4? 0.01/23
[46...Ra8!-+ -4.89/22 47.Qb4 *(47.Qh6? b2-+)* 47...Kg7]
47.Qe2? -4.01/22
[47.Qxf4 exf4 48.Bxe8 fxg3 49.Kxg3 b2∓]
[47.Qd5!= 0.01/23 Rb8 48.Ba4 *(48.Rf1 b2∓)*]
47...Ra8!-+ 48.Rf1 Qg5 49.Qf3? -4.26/21
[49.Kh3 -2.53/20]
49...Qe7 50.Qg4 Ra7? -1.84/22
[50...b2 -4.98/21 51.Nf5 *(51.Bc6? Bd3-+)* 51...Bxe4+! 52.Kg3 *(52.Qxe4? Qg5+ 53.Kh2 Ra1-+)* 52...Bxf5 53.Bxf5 Qf6]
51.Nh5 Black must now prevent Nf6+.

51...Rxd7?? 3.44/22
[51...Bd3-+ -2.06/20 and all is fine. 52.Rf6 *(52.Nf6+? Kg7-+)* 52...Bxe4+! 53.Qxe4 gxh5]
52.Nf6++- Kg7 Hoping for ...Rd8.
53.Qh4
[53.Qxd7? too greedy. Bxe4+! 54.Kg3 Qxd7 55.Nxd7 b2-+]
[53.Nxd7? b2 54.c5 dxc5-+]
53...Bxe4+ 54.Kg3 Qh7+ would kill now. Chess con chili. **54...Qd8**
[54...Bf5



gets mated. 55.Rxf5!]
55.Qh7+ Kf8 56.Nxe4? 2.04/20
[56.Qh6+ 5.15/21 Ke7 57.Nxe4]
56...b2? 19.83/29
[56...f5 2.04/20 57.Qxg6 f4+ 58.Kf3 Qh4]
57.Qh6+ White is clearly winning.
57...Ke7 58.Qh4+ Kf8 59.Nf6 5.07/26
[⌓59.Ng5 11.69/19 White threatens Qh8+ and mate. Qxg5+ 60.Qxg5]
59...Rb7 15.83/25
[⌓59...d5 5.07/26 60.Nxd7+ Qxd7 61.Qh8+ Ke7 62.Qf6+ Ke8 63.Qh8+ Ke7 64.Qf6+ Ke8 65.Qxe5+ Qe6 66.Qxd5 Qe3+ 67.Qf3 Qg5+ 68.Kh2 Qd2+ 69.Kg1 Qd4+ 70.Kg2 Qd2+ 71.Kh1 Qh6+ 72.Kg2 Qg5+ 73.Kh3 Qh6+ 74.Kg3 Qg5+ 75.Kh3 Qh6+ 76.Kg3 Qg5+]
60.Qh8+ Ke7 61.Nd5+ Deflection. What a bad dream for Black.
Weighted Error Value: White=0.59/ Black=0.65
1-0

114 **A03**
□ **Canal,Esteban**
■ **Paoli,Enrico**
Chapter 2 1965
[Kitty Kat]

A03: Bird's Opening with 1...d5
1.f4 d5 2.e3 e6 3.Nf3 c5 4.b3 Nf6 5.Bb2 Be7 6.Bb5+ Bd7
[6...Nbd7 7.0-0 0-0 8.Bxd7 Nxd7 9.Ne5 f6 10.Nxd7 Bxd7 11.d3 Bc6 12.Qg4 Qd7 13.Nd2 g6 14.Rae1 Rf7 15.Rf3 c4 16.Rg3 cxd3 17.cxd3 Bb5 18.Qe2 Rc8 19.Nf3 Bb4 20.Rd1 Bc3 21.Nd4 Pinto Filho,J (1919)-Fernandes Filho,B (2083) Sao Luis 2010 EXT 2022 [ChessBase II] 0-1]
7.Be2N
[7.a4 0-0 8.0-0 Nc6 9.Ne5 Nxe5 10.fxe5 Ne8 11.Bd3 Bc6 12.Qg4 g6 13.Nc3 Ng7 A 03/05]
7...0-0 8.0-0 b5 9.Ne5 Black is slightly better. **9...a5 10.Rf3 Ne4** -0.23/18
[10...b4∓ -0.54/16]
11.Rh3= f6 0.08/18
[⌓11...b4 -0.27/16]
12.Nxd7 Qxd7 13.a4 b4 0.65/19
[13...bxa4= 0.23/21 is superior. 14.Rxa4 f5]
14.Bb5± Qc8 15.Qh5 h6 16.Qg6 Kh8 17.d3 Nd6 18.Nd2 1.13/17 &Bianco is more active.

[⌓18.g4 0.82/19 g5 is the strong threat. Nxb5 19.g5 *(19.axb5 Qe8=)*]

18...Nxb5 1.99/19

[18...Nd7± 1.13/17 was called for.]

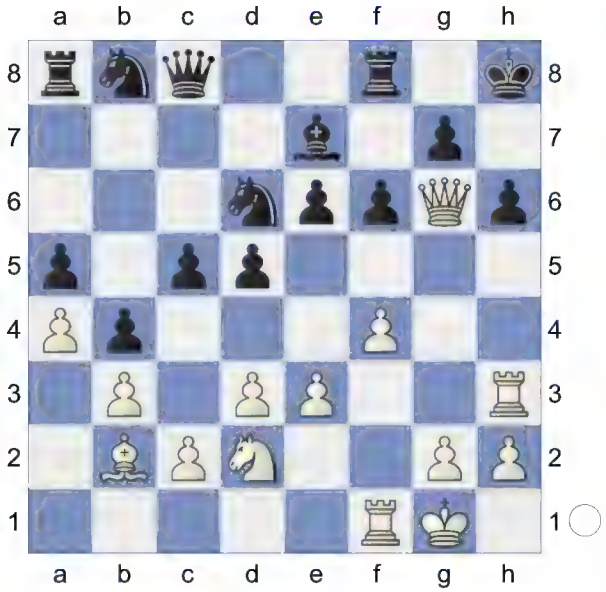
19.Rf1!→ White wants to mate with Rxh6+. White attacks with force.

[Weaker is 19.axb5 Qe8 20.Qg4 Qxb5±]

[Less strong is 19.Rg3 Rg8 20.Rh3 *(20.axb5 Qe8±)* 20...Rf8±]

19...Nd6? #11/19

[19...Na3± 1.49/15]

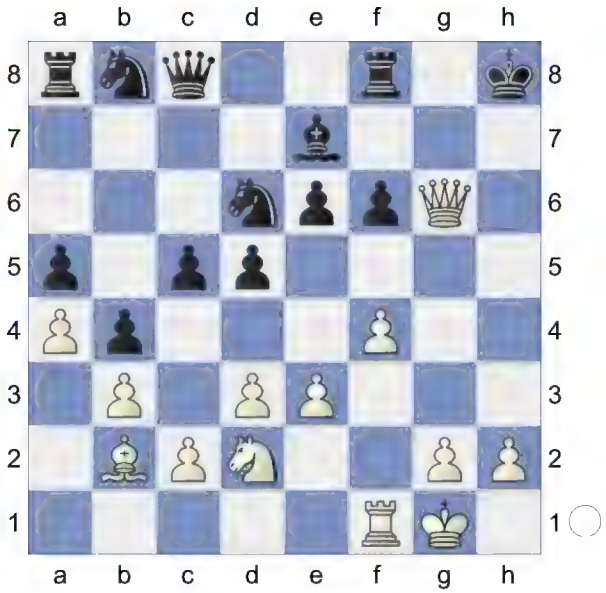


20.Rxh6+! gxh6

[20...Kg8 21.Rh7]

21.Qxh6+ Kg8 22.Qg6+ Kh8

(Diagram)



23.Rf3! e5 24.f5? 3.66/5 Black got outplayed after the opening.

Weighted Error Value: White=0.01 (flawless) /Black=0.68

[24.Qh5+ #3/8 mates Kg8 25.Rg3+ Qg4 26.Rxg4#]

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115 **A03**

□ **Bird,Henry Edward**

■ **Jasnogrodsky,Nicolai**

ENG 1892

[Kitty Kat]

A03: Bird's Opening with 1...d5 **1.f4 d5 2.e3 e6 3.Nf3 g6 4.c4N**

[4.Be2 Bg7 5.0-0 Ne7 6.d3 0-0 7.c3 Nbc6 8.d4 Bd7 9.Nbd2 Nf5 10.Nb3 b6 11.Bd3 Nd6 12.Nbd2 f5 13.Qc2 a5 14.b3 Ne4 15.Ba3 Re8 16.Rac1 Na7 17.c4 c6 18.Be2 Nf6 Janning,R (1911)-Holtmannspoetter,T (1640) Germany 2009 1-0 (39)]

[4.Nc3 Bg7 5.b3 Ne7 6.Bb2 c5 7.Be2 Nbc6 8.0-0 0-0 9.Na4 Bxb2 *(9...b6 10.Bxg7 Kxg7 11.Nb2 Nf5 12.g4 Nh4 13.Nd3 Ba6 14.Nde5*

Nxf3+ 15.Nxf3 Bxe2 16.Qxe2 Re8 17.Ne5 Nxe5 18.fxe5 Qg5 19.d4 Rac8 20.Rac1 cxd4 21.exd4 Rc3 22.Rcd1 Re3 23.Qg2 Rh8 24.Rf2 Taylor,W (1822)-Sehn,J (1223) Medicine Hat 2014 ½-½ (46) *)* 10.Nxb2 d4 11.e4 Qc7 12.e5 Nd5 13.Ng5 f6 14.exf6 Rxf6 15.g3 e5 16.Bc4 Nce7 17.Nd3 Rf5 18.g4 Rxg5 Enrique Hernandez,E (2128)-Acosta, R (1909) Jaguey Grande 2007 1-0 (31)]

4...Bg7 5.d4 Nf6 6.Nc3 b6 7.Bd3 Bb7 8.0-0 0-0 The position is equal. **9.Bd2** -0.16/19

[⌓9.cxd5 0.18/18 exd5 10.b4]

9...Nbd7 10.Ne5 -0.26/19

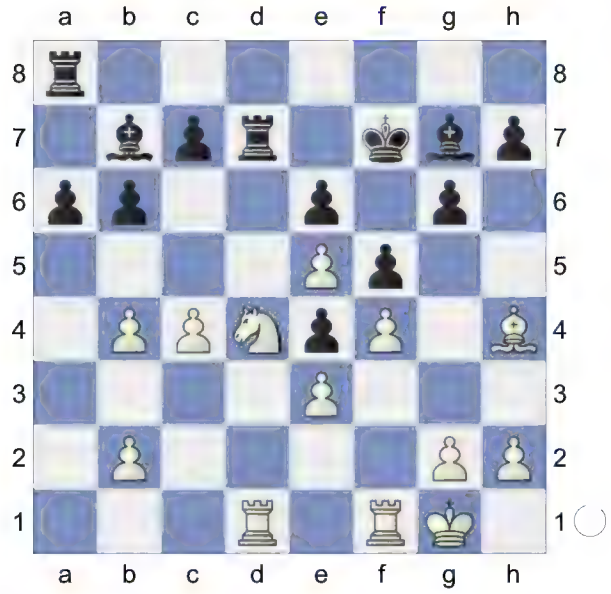
[10.cxd5 0.07/19 is superior. exd5 11.Ne5]

10...Ne4 11.Bxe4 dxe4 12.Be1 f5 13.Qb3 Nxe5 14.dxe5 Qd3 0.04/22

[14...Qe7∓ -0.49/21]

15.Nb5= Rfc8 16.Rd1 Qxb3 17.axb3 a6 18.Nd4 Kf7 19.b4 Rd8 20.Bh4 Rd7 0.51/22

[20...Rdb8= 0.10/23]



21.b5 0.01/22

[21.Nf3!± 0.51/22 Bc8 22.Rxd7+ Bxd7 23.Ng5+ Kg8 24.Rd1]

21...axb5 22.Nxb5 Ke8 4.17/25 This move loses the game for Black.

[22...Bc8± 0.32/24]

23.Rxd7+- Kxd7 White is clearly winning. **24.Rd1+ Kc6 25.Nd4+ Kc5 26.Nxe6+ Kxc4 27.Nxg7 Kb3 28.e6 Kc2 29.Rd7 Ra1+ 30.Kf2 Ba6 31.e7 Rf1+ 32.Kg3** Weighted Error Value: White=0.09 (flawless) /Black=0.55

1-0

116 **A03**

□ **Bird,Henry**

■ **Lasker,Emanuel**

m Liverpool (5) 1890

[Kitty Kat]

A03: Bird's Opening with 1...d5

1.f4 d5 2.Nf3 g6 3.e3 Bg7 4.Be2 Nf6 5.0-0 0-0 6.b3

[6.Qe1 c5 7.d3 Nc6 8.Bd1 Re8 9.Qg3 e5 10.Nxe5 Nxe5 11.fxe5 Rxe5 12.e4 Re8 13.exd5 Nxd5 14.Qf3 Bf5 15.c3 Nf6 16.Bc2 c4 17.Qxb7 cxd3 18.Bb3 Re7 19.Qb4 Re2 20.Bd1 Rb8 11.g4 Kh8 12.Be3 (2520)-Kolmakov,S (2535) ICCF corr 1994 Telechess CBM 89 [Hillarp Persson,T] 0-1]

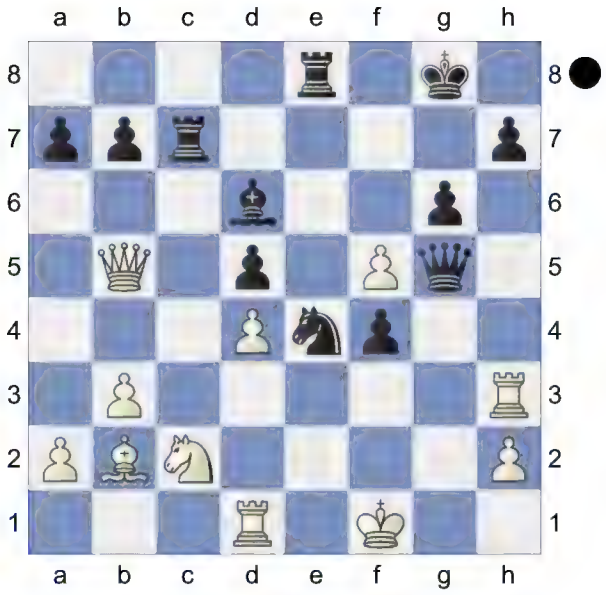
6...Ne4 7.c3 Nc6N -0.06/17

[7...c5∓ -0.43/15 was preferrable. 8.Bb2 Nc6 9.d3 Nd6 10.Qe1 b6 11.Nbd2 Bb7 12.d4 cxd4 13.exd4 Rc8 14.Bd3 Re8 15.Ba3 e6 16.Qf2 Ne7 17.Rac1 Ne4 18.Bxe4 dxe4 19.Ng5 Rxc3 20.Bxe7 Qxd4 21.Rxc3 Qxf2+ 22.Kxf2 Bxc3 Tejos Godoy,R (1849)-Ruiz Zenteno,L (1991) Concepcion 2014 EXT 2016 [ChessBase II] 0-1]

8.Bb2 -0.42/18
[8.d4= -0.06/17]
8...Re8 -0.02/18
[8...e5∓ -0.42/18 should be considered.]
9.d3 Nd6 10.Na3 e5 11.d4 exf4 12.exf4 Ne7 13.Nc2 c6 14.Bd3 Bf5 15.Bxf5 Nexf5 16.Qd3 Ne4 17.Ne5 Rc8 18.Rad1 Rc7 19.c4 Bf8 0.32/16
[19...b5∓ -0.53/17]
20.Rf3 -0.64/17
[20.g3!± 0.32/16]
20...Bd6 &Nero is more active. **21.Rh3** -0.94/20
[21.Rdf1∓ -0.53/17]
21...f6∓ 22.g4? -2.73/21 White does not recover from this. **22...fxe5-+ 23.cxd5?** -9.43/21
[23.fxe5 -2.36/19 Qg5 24.Qe2]

23...exf4! Threatens to win with ...Qg5.
24.gxf5
[24.dxc6 Qg5]
24...Qg5+ 25.Kf1 cxd5 26.Qb5

(Diagram)

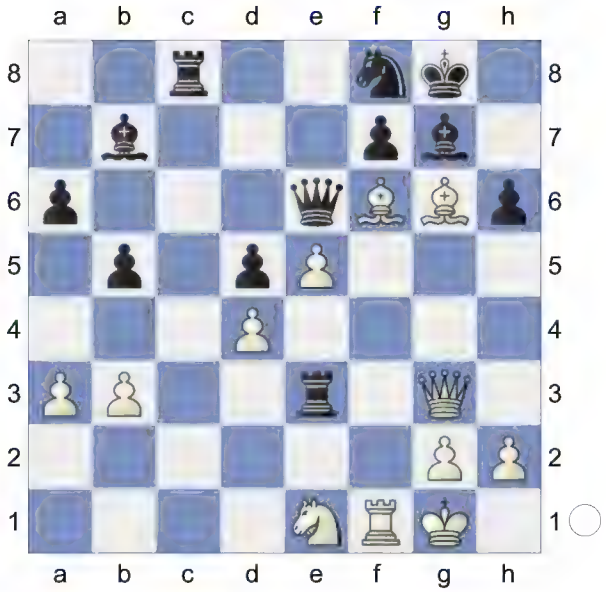


Nf6 -6.52/21
[⌓26...Rxc2! -14.04/22 27.Qxe8+ Kg7 28.Rxh7+ Kxh7 29.fxg6+ Qxg6 30.Qxg6+ Kxg6]
27.Qd3 gxf5 28.Bc1 Qg4 (-> ...Rg7) **29.Rd2 Rg7**
Weighted Error Value: White=1.20/ Black=0.45
0-1

117 **A02**
□ **Bird,Henry**
■ **Wisker,John**
m London ENG 1873
[Kitty Kat]

A02: Bird's Opening Argus & Express 21/ 9/1878 and Hull Bellman 28/9/1878. NB: Orchard's initials wrongly given as J.E. in the ILN of 14/9/1878 which published both of Parker's wins with White. **1.f4** Mon Hokmome **1...c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.e3 a6 4.Be2 g6 5.0-0 d5 6.d4 e6 7.c3 Nf6 8.Nbd2** The position is equal. **8...b6 9.Ne5 Nxe5** 0.68/21
[9...Qc7= 0.00/16]
10.fxe5± Nd7 1.26/20

[10...Ne4± 0.62/20]
11.e4± Hoping for e4xd5. &Bianco is more active. **11...Bg7** 1.43/21
[⌓11...Bb7 1.01/21]
12.exd5 exd5 13.Nf3N 0.88/20
[⌓13.Qb3! 1.37/21 Bb7 14.Ne4!]
[13.Bf3 Bb7 14.Nc4 0-0 15.Nd6 Bc6 16.dxc5 Bxe5 17.Nxf7 Kxf7 18.Bxd5+ Kg7 19.Bxc6 Rxf1+ 20.Qxf1 Rc8 21.Bxd7 Qxd7 22.Bf4 1-0 (22) Stevanovic,V-Piza,V Lagos 1877 ZUS D57 [Roiz.M]]
13...0-0 14.Be3 0.57/19
[White should try 14.Bg5± 1.08/19 f6 15.dxc5 Nxc5 16.exf6 Bxf6 17.Bxf6 Rxf6 18.Qd4]
14...Bb7 0.89/19
[14...f6± 0.57/19]
15.Qd2
[15.Ng5 with more complications. Qe7 16.Bd3 Rae8 17.Bf4]
15...Qe7 16.Rae1 Black must now prevent Be3-g5. **16...cxd4 17.cxd4** Strongly threatening Be3-g5. White leaves nothing to chance now. **17...Rac8** 2.09/22
[Better is 17...f6± 0.68/20]
18.Bd3 0.99/21
[18.Bg5+- 2.09/22 and White stays clearly on top. Qe8 19.Bd3]
18...b5 2.00/21
[18...f6± 0.99/21]
19.a3 0.89/21
[19.Bh6+- 2.00/21]
19...Nb6 2.26/22
[19...f6± 0.89/21]
20.Bg5+- Qe6 2.37/21
[⌓20...Qc7 1.70/21]
21.b3 Rc7 2.52/19
[21...Nd7 1.69/21 was necessary. 22.a4 Qb6]
22.Qf4 aiming for Bg5-f6. **22...Rc3** 2.26/23
[⌓22...Bc8 1.67/22]
23.Re3 Rfc8? 5.56/23
[23...Bc8± 1.54/22]
24.Bf6 h6 25.Ne1 Nd7 4.30/25
[25...Rxb3? 26.Bxg7 *(26.Bf5 Qxf5 27.Qxf5 gxf5+-)* 26...Kxg7 27.Rh3]
[⌓25...Bf8 3.07/21 26.Ref3 Qe8]
26.Qg3 And now Bf6xg7 would win.
[Not 26.Bxg7 Kxg7 27.Ref3 *(27.Rh3 h5+-)* 27...Rf8+-]
26...Nf8
[26...Bxf6? 27.exf6 Rxd3 28.Nxd3+-]
27.Bxg6 Bxf6 11.80/25
[27...Rxe3?



gets mated. 28.Bh7+! Nxh7 29.Qxg7#]
[⌓27...Nxg6 4.10/22 28.Rxc3 Rxc3 29.Qxc3 Bf8]
28.Rxf6 White is clearly winning.
28...Nxg6 29.Rxe6 Rxe3 30.Rxg6+ fxg6 31.Qxg6+ Kf8 32.Qxh6+ Weighted Error Value: White=0.45/ Black=0.84
1-0

118 **A02**
□ **Nimzowitsch,Aron**
■ **Schottmueller,F**
Simul. (+22, =7, -1) 29.10.1926
[Kitty Kat]

Played as part of a simultaneous exhibition over 30 boards at the Kaffee Kopt on 29 Oct. 1926.
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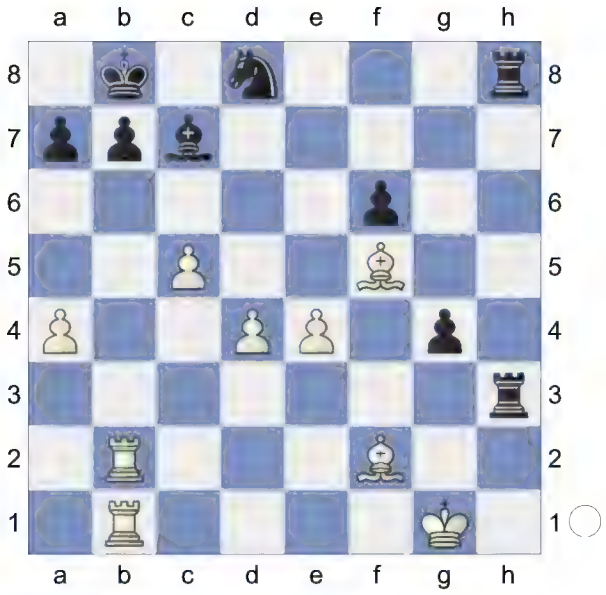
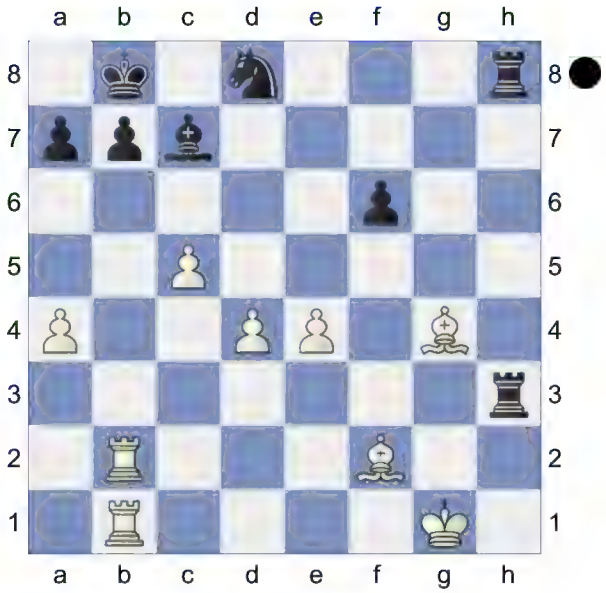
[6...Ngf6± 0.37/18]
[6...h5 7.Nc3 c6 8.Ne4 Bb8 9.d3 Nh6 10.Bd2 f5 11.Neg5 Bxf3 12.Nxf3 g5 13.Bc3 0-0 14.g3 Ng4 15.Qd2 Qe7 16.e4 f4 17.Nd4 fxg3 18.Bxg4 hxg4 19.hxg3 Bxg3+ 20.Kd1 Ne5 21.Nf5 1-0 Schoeppl,E (2315)-Hicker,H (2090) Werfen op-A 1991 (9)]
[6...c6 7.0-0 Qc7 8.h3 h5 9.Ng5 Ngf6 10.d4 Nf8 11.e4 0-0-0 12.hxg4 hxg4 13.Bxg4+ Kb8 14.Bh3 Ne6 15.Nxe6 fxe6 16.Qf3 Bh2+ 17.Kh1 Rxd4 18.Nc3 Nh5 19.Ne2 Rdd8 20.Bg5 Rde8 21.Rad1 0-1 Juhar,R (2115)-Krajnak,J (2083) SVK-chT2D 2122 2021 (1.3)]
7.0-0N
[7.Nc3 0-0 8.0-0 c6 9.d4 Bxf3 10.Bxf3 Qh4 11.h3 Nf6 12.e4 Rad8 13.Qe2 Rfe8 14.Be3 Bb4 15.e5 Nf5 16.Bf2 Qg5 17.Ne4 Nxe4 18.Qxe4 Ba5 19.Bg4 Nxd4 20.Bxd4 Rxd4 21.Qf3 Re7 1-0 Marchenko,N (1769)-Trapeev,T Astrakhan-ch 2011 (1)]
7...c6 8.h3 0.52/19
[8.d4± 1.07/20]
8...Be6 1.49/20
[8...Bxf3± 0.52/19 9.Rxf3 Qe7]
9.e4 Qb6+ 1.96/19
[9...Ne5± 1.27/18]
10.d4+- 0-0-0 11.Nc3 1.46/19
[11.Ng5+- 1.87/17]
11...f6± 12.Be3 1.08/17
[⌓12.Kh1 1.48/18]
12...Bb8 2.07/18
[12...Qxb2± 1.08/17 13.Qd3 Qa3]
13.Qd2+- d5 is the strong threat.
13...Qc7 14.b4? 0.71/20
[14.d5+- 2.38/20]
14...Bxh3!± 15.Rf2
[15.gxh3?! Qg3+ 16.Kh1 Nf5 *(16...Qxh3+ 17.Kg1=)* 17.exf5 Qxh3+ 18.Kg1 Qg3+ 19.Kh1 Qh3+ 20.Kg1 Qg3+ 21.Kh1 Qh3+=]
15...Bg4 2.27/20
[15...Be6!± 0.60/21]
16.b5!+- Strongly threatening bxc6.
16...Bxf3 17.gxf3 Nc5 3.02/23
[⌓17...Ne5 2.09/19 18.Rg2 Ng6]
18.bxc6
[18.Bxh6 gxh6 19.Bc4 f5±]
18...Qxc6 19.Nd5! Ne6? 8.66/19
[19...Rhe8 3.68/20 20.dxc5 Nf5]
20.Qc3? -0.95/20
[Only move: 20.Ne7++- 8.66/19 Kd7 21.Nxc6 bxc6 22.Rb1 *(22.Bxh6 gxh6 23.f4 a5+-)*]
20...Qxc3∓ Remove Defender **21.Nxc3 Nf4!** 1.30/19 Against Nd5
[21...Nxd4 22.Rb1∓]
[21...Bf4!∓ -0.95/21 22.Nd5 *(22.Bxf4 Nxf4 23.Nd5 Nxd5∓)* 22...Bxe3 23.Nxe3 Rxd4 *(23...Nxd4?*

24.Bc4-+)]
22.Bf1 g5 1.54/20
[⌓22...Nf7 1.08/21]
23.Ne2 0.96/21
[23.Rh2 Nf7±]
[⌓23.Rb1 1.54/20]
23...Nxe2+ 1.77/22
[23...Rhg8± 0.96/21]
24.Rxe2+-
[Don't play 24.Bxe2 Rhe8±]
24...Bc7 25.c4 1.10/19
[Better is 25.Rb1+- 1.63/19]
25...Nf7 2.16/22
[25...Rhg8± 1.10/19]
26.c5 Rde8 2.19/21
[⌓26...g4 1.77/21]
27.Bh3+ Kb8 Black is weak on the light squares **28.Rb1 h5** 2.39/21
[⌓28...Bf4 1.88/21 29.Bd7 Reg8]
29.Reb2 Nd8 30.Bf5 g4 3.58/18
[30...Re7 2.48/22 keeps fighting. 31.d5 Be5]
31.fxg4 1.44/21
[31.f4+- 3.58/18 and the rest is easy.]
31...hxg4± Nimzowitsch had a clear advantage up to this point. The fact that White's next three moves are poor is probably indicative of fatigue towards the end of the exhibition. **32.a4?!** 0.49/20
[32.e5+- 1.61/20]
32...Rh3!± **33.Bf2?!** A strong pair of Bishops.
[33.Bxg4? is the wrong capture. Rxe3 34.Bf5 Rh8-+]
33...Reh8

(Diagram)



(→ ...Rh1+) **34.Bxg4?** -3.93/22
[34.e5!± 0.87/23 keeps the pressure on.]



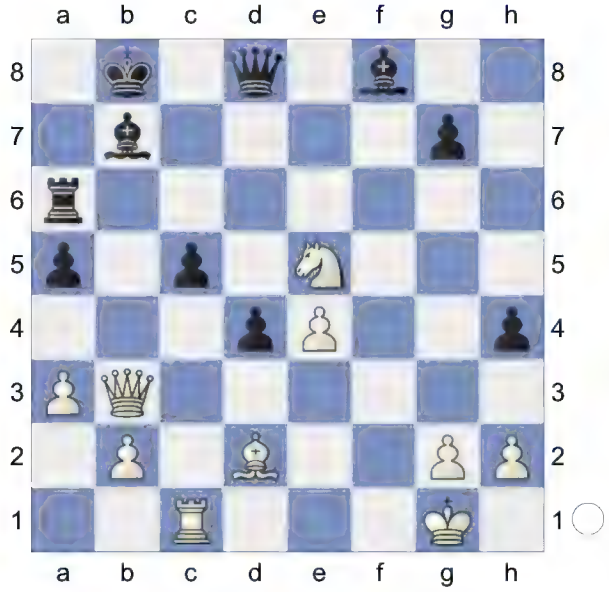
34...Rg8!-+ 35.Kg2 -4.08/24
[⌓35.Be1 -2.61/22 Rxg4+ 36.Rg2 Bh2+ *(36...Rxe4? 37.d5-+)* 37.Kf1 Rxe4 38.a5 Remove Defender]
35...Ra3
[35...Rxg4+? 36.Kxh3 Rxe4 37.Rg1+-]
36.Rb3 Rxg4+ 37.Kf3 Rxb3+
[37...Rxa4? too greedy. 38.Kxg4 b6

39.Rb4+-]
38.Rxb3 Rg7 -2.13/20
[⌓38...Rf4+ -3.59/23 39.Ke3 f5 40.exf5 Rxf5]
39.d5 Be5 40.c6 -3.56/26
[⌓40.a5 -2.32/20]
40...Ka8 41.cxb7+ Rxb7 42.Rxb7 Kxb7 (Source: Freiburger Zeitung, 5.12. 1926) (Source: Freiburger Zeitung, 5.12. 1926) (Source: Freiburger Zeitung, 5.12. 1926) Weighted Error Value: White=0. 64/Black=0.57. Loses game: White=1 Black=1 Missed win: White=3 --- Mistake: White=8 Black=14 Inaccurate: White=1 Black=2 OK: White=11 Black=8 Best: --- Black=3 Strong: White=1 Black=1
0-1

119 **A03**
□ **Bird,Henry**
■ **Showalter,Jackson**
06.Congress New York, NY USA (31)
[Kitty Kat]

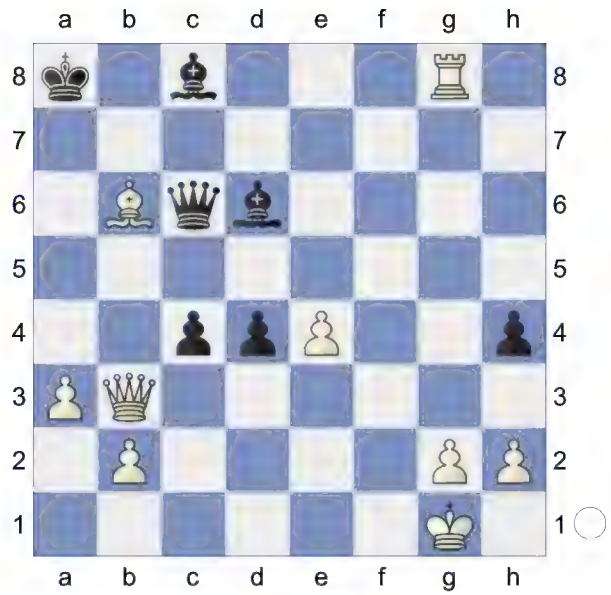
A03: Bird's Opening with 1...d5 Staunton, ILN 26 Jan 1856: 'ILN xxviii (26 jan. 1856) p 99. 'A very slight skirmish, played by letter between the accomplished "STELLA", of problem-composing celebrity, and Mr. STAUNTON." **1.f4 d5 2.e3 c5 3.Nc3N**
[3.b3 Nf6 4.Bb2 Bf5 5.Nf3 e6 6.Be2 Be7 7.0-0 0-0 8.d3 Nc6 9.Ne5 h6 10.Nxc6 bxc6 11.Nd2 Bh7 12.Nf3 Nd7 13.Qe1 f5 14.Ne5 Nxe5 15.Bxe5 Bf6 16.Bxf6 Qxf6 17.Qa5 Rf7 Mathe,L-Lopez Martin,H corr CiF 1997 UltraCorr3a [Kleindl P.] ½-½ (34)]
[3.Nf3 e6 4.b3 Nc6 5.Bb5 Bd7 6.Bb2 Nf6 7.0-0 Bd6 8.Nc3 Qb6 9.Bxc6 Bxc6 10.Ne5 Bxe5 11.fxe5 Nd7 12.Qh5 0-0 13.Ne2 Qd8 14.Rf3 Qe7 15.Rh3 h6 16.Rf1 Qg5 17.Qxg5 hxg5 Glasgow,A-Cramling Pia Dortmund 1867 CYB 01 [De Firmian,Nick E] 0-1 (59)]
[3.c4 d4 4.Bd3 Nc6 5.a3 e5 6.Nf3 exf4 7.exf4 Bd6 8.Ng5 Bxf4 9.Qe2+ Ne5 10.Nf3 Bg4 11.0-0 Ne7 12.Be4 f5 13.Qe1 Bxf3 14.Bxf3 Qd6 15.Bh5+ g6 16.Qh4 Nd3 17.Bd1 0-0 Stella-Staunton,H corr 1855 UltraCorrX [Staunton, ILN 26 Jan 1856] 0-1]
3...Nf6 4.Nf3 e6 5.Ne2 Nc6 6.Ng3 Be7 7.Bd3 a6 -0.06/21
[7...c4∓ -0.44/19 8.Be2 h5]
8.0-0 The position is equal. **8...b6 9.c3 Bb7 10.Bc2 Rc8 11.d4 h5 12.f5 h4 13.Nh1 Ne4** 0.26/22
[⌓13...exf5 -0.23/20 14.Bxf5 Rc7]
14.fxe6= fxe6 15.Nf2 Nxf2 16.Rxf2 Kd7? 2.84/21
[16...Rf8± 0.87/19]
17.e4+- Strongly threatening e4xd5.
17...Rf8 18.Be3? 0.61/22
[Only move: 18.exd5+- 3.17/20 Na5 19.Ne5+ *(19.b4 cxb4 20.Ne5+ Kc7±)* 19...Kc7 20.Rxf8 *(20.dxe6 Rxf2 21.Kxf2 Qd5+-)* 20...Bxf8 21.dxe6]
18...Kc7 19.dxc5 bxc5 20.Qe2 0.20/21
[Better is 20.Bb3± 0.84/20]
20...d4= 21.Bd2 e5 22.Bd3 Ra8 0.69/20
[⌓22...Qd6 0.37/19]
23.cxd4 exd4 24.Rc1 Kb8 25.Rc4 a5 26.Rc1 Nb4 27.a3 -0.77/20
[27.Bc4± 0.46/20 keeps the upper hand.]
27...Nxd3∓ 28.Qxd3 Ba6 0.06/22 Against Qd3-b5+

[Black should play 28...Ra6∓ -0.44/21]
29.Qb3+= Bb7 1.14/24
[29...Ka7= -0.05/22]
30.Ne5± White stays focused until the end. **30...Ra6** Against Ne5-c6+ **31.Rxf8 Bxf8**



32.Rf1!↑ Keeping Black busy. **32...Ka7 33.Rf7** &Bianco is much more active. **33...Qc8** 3.67/24
[33...Qb6± 1.33/23 34.Qd3 *(34.Qxb6+ Rxb6 35.Rxf8 Rxb2±)* 34...Qe6]
34.Nc4+- Bd6 35.Bxa5 White threatens Ba5-b6+ and mate. **35...Ka8** 5.63/26
[35...Bb8 3.54/23 keeps fighting. 36.Bb6+ Ka8 37.Bxc5 d3]
36.Nb6+ Rxb6 37.Bxb6 Qc6 Against Qb3-a4+. And now ...c5-c4 would win. **38.Rxg7 c4 39.Rg8+ Bc8**

(Diagram)



White is clearly winning. **40.Rxc8+! Qxc8 41.Qa4+ Kb7 42.Bxd4 Qg4** 9.76/24
[⌓42...Qc7 5.19/24 43.Qb5+ Kc8]
43.Qb5+ Kc8 44.Qxc4+ Bc7 45.Qa6+ Kd7 46.Qb5+ Ke7 47.Bc5+ Kd8 48.Qd3+ Kc8 49.Qh3 Weighted Error Value: White=0.36/Black=0.39
1-0

120 **A03**
□ **Bird,Henry**
■ **Jasnogrodsky,Nicolai**
London ENG (9) 16.03.1892
[Kitty Kat]

A03: Bird's Opening with 1...d5 **1.f4** Mon Hokmome **1...d5 2.e3 e6 3.Nf3 g6 4.c4 Bg7 5.d4 Nf6 6.Nc3 b6N**
[6...c5!?]
[6...0-0 7.Be2 c5 8.0-0 cxd4 9.exd4 dxc4 10.Bxc4 Nc6 11.Kh1 a6 12.Be3 b5 13.Be2 Ne7 14.Ne5 Bb7 15.Bf3 Ned5 16.Qd2 Rc8 17.Bf2 Rc7 18.Bh4 Qa8 19.Ne2 Rfc8 20.Rac1 Ne7 21.Rxc7 Li,E-6...♘c6 & 7...♖b8 Kragujevac 1959 Mega2014

Update 23 [Keilhack/Schlenker] ½-½ (46) Rxc7 22.Bxb7 Qxb7 23.Bxf6 Bxf6 24.Nc3 Nd5 25.Ne4 Be7 26.Nd3 Qb6 27.Nec5 Rc8 28.Qe2 Rd8 29.Rc1 Bf6 30.Qe4 Ne7 31.Ne5 Bxe5 32.Qxe5 Nc6 33.Qf6 Rxd4 34.h3 Rc4 35.Rxc4 bxc4 36.Ne4 Li,E-6...♘c6 & 7...♖b8 Kragujevac 1959 Mega2014 Update 23 [Keilhack/Schlenker] ½-½ (46)]

7.Bd3 Bb7 8.0-0 0-0 The position is equal. **9.Bd2** -0.45/20

[9.b4= 0.01/19]

9...Nbd7 -0.10/20

[9...c5∓ -0.45/20 deserves consideration.]

10.Ne5 -0.48/20

[10.cxd5= -0.10/20 should be considered. exd5 11.Ne5]

10...Ne4 0.13/18

[Black should try 10...c5∓ -0.48/20]

11.Bxe4= dxe4 12.Be1 f5 13.Qb3 Nxe5 14.dxe5 Qd3 0.28/21

[14...Qe7!∓ -0.55/20]

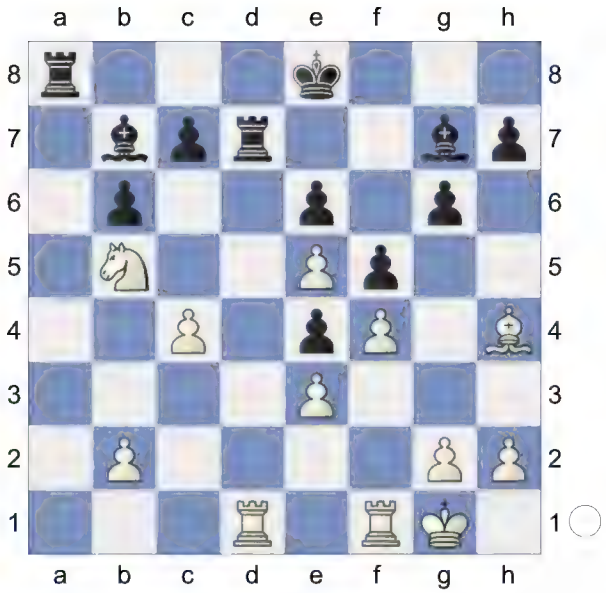
15.Nb5 Rfc8 16.Rd1 Qxb3 17.axb3 a6 18.Nd4 Kf7 19.b4 Rd8 0.35/22

[19...Bf8= -0.21/20]

20.Bh4± Rd7 21.b5 axb5 22.Nxb5 Ke8 5.73/22

[22...Bc8= 0.30/24]

(Diagram)



Loses the game. **23.Rxd7+-** White is clearly winning. **23...Kxd7 24.Rd1+ Kc6 25.Nd4+ Kc5 26.Nxe6+ Kxc4 27.Nxg7 Kb3 28.e6 Kc2 29.Rd7 Ra1+ 30.Kf2 Ba6 31.e7 Rf1+ 32.Kg3** Weighted Error Value: White=0.10 (very precise) /Black=0.65

1-0

121 **A03**

□ **Bird,Henry**

■ **Fenton,Richard**

London ENG 1891

[Kitty Kat]

A03: Bird's Opening with 1...d5 **1.f4 d5 2.e3 c5 3.Nf3 e6 4.Bb5+ Bd7N**

[4...Nc6 5.b3 *(5.Bxc6+ bxc6 6.c4 Ba6 7.Na3 Bd6 8.0-0 Nf6 9.b3 0-0 10.Bb2 Nd7 11.Qc2 f5 12.Rae1 Nf6 13.Nb1 Qa5 14.Bc3 Qc7 15.d3 Rae8 16.Bb2 Nd7 17.Nbd2 e5 18.g3 d4 19.fxe5 Nxe5* 2.c4 e5-Kramnik's Perfect Preparation, J Hungary 1861 CBM 084 Extra [Cassell's IFP 19 April 1856] 1-0 (34)*)* 5...Nf6 6.Bb2 Bd6 7.0-0 Bd7 8.Bxc6

Bxc6 9.d3 0-0 10.Ne5 Rc8 11.Nd2 Qe7 12.Qe1 Nd7 13.Nxd7 Bxd7 14.Qg3 f6 15.Nf3 b5 16.e4 d4 17.Rae1 e5 18.f5 c4 19.Bc1 17.♗c2 ♕d7_16024 (1798)-7. ♕d3 a6 8.000_58936 (1475) Paks 2023 Steinitz/Blackburne [John Watson] ½-½ (68)]

5.Bxd7+ Nxd7 6.b3 Ngf6 7.Bb2 Be7 8.0-0N

[8.d3 a6 9.Nbd2 0-0 10.Qe2 b5 11.c4 Qb6 12.e4 d4 13.h3 Nh5 0-1 (13) Krafzik,J-Steglich,W Baden-Baden (Germany) 1990]

8...0-0 9.d3 Rc8 10.Qe1 -0.26/19

[10.c4= 0.00/15]

[⌓10.Qe2 0.11/19]

10...b5 0.10/20

[⌓10...c4 -0.26/19]

11.a4= a6 Black has an edge. The position is equal. **12.Nbd2** -0.69/17

[12.Qe2= -0.21/20]

12...c4!∓ 13.bxc4 bxc4

White must now prevent ...c4-c3. Hoping for ...c4-c3. **14.Bd4 cxd3** -0.18/21

[14...Bc5∓ -0.57/18]

15.cxd3= Bb4 16.Qg3 -0.55/24

[16.Qe2= -0.23/20 keeps the balance.]

16...Bxd2 0.20/21

[16...Nc5∓ -1.10/19 17.Rac1 Qe7 18.Bxc5 Bxc5]

[Black should play 16...Bc3∓ -0.55/24 17.Ra3 Bxd4 18.Nxd4 Qe7]

17.Nxd2 Rc2 18.Nf3 h6 0.62/21

[18...Qc7= 0.19/23]

19.f5± Qc7 20.fxe6 fxe6 Strongly threatening ...Qc7xg3. **21.Qh3** 0.01/24

[Better is 21.Ne5!± 0.76/24 Threatens to win with Ne5xd7. Ne5xd7 is the strong threat. Ne8! 22.a5 0.30/22 *(22.Nxd7± 0.64/24 should be considered. Rxf1+ 23.Rxf1 Qxd7 24.Qg6)*]

21...Rc6 0.68/23

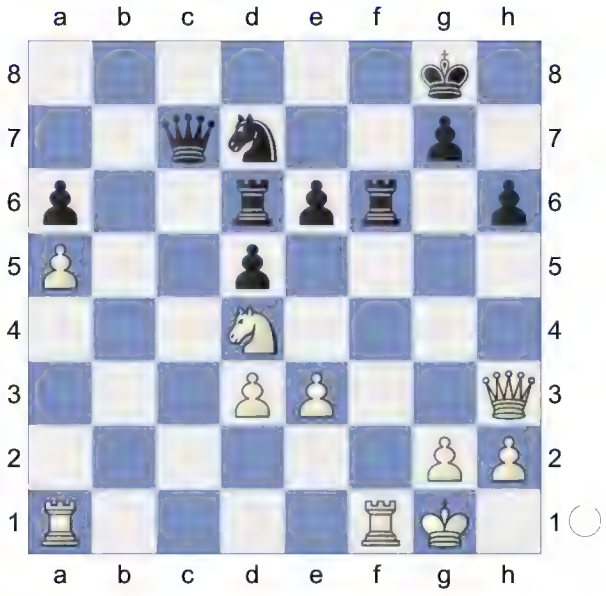
[21...Re8= -0.01/19 feels stronger. White must now prevent ...e6-e5. 22.Bxf6 Nxf6]

22.Bxf6 Rxf6 23.Nd4 Rb6 0.71/21

[23...Rc3!= 0.27/20]

24.a5↑ White is pushing. **24...Rd6** 1.33/26

[24...Rb2!± 0.57/23]



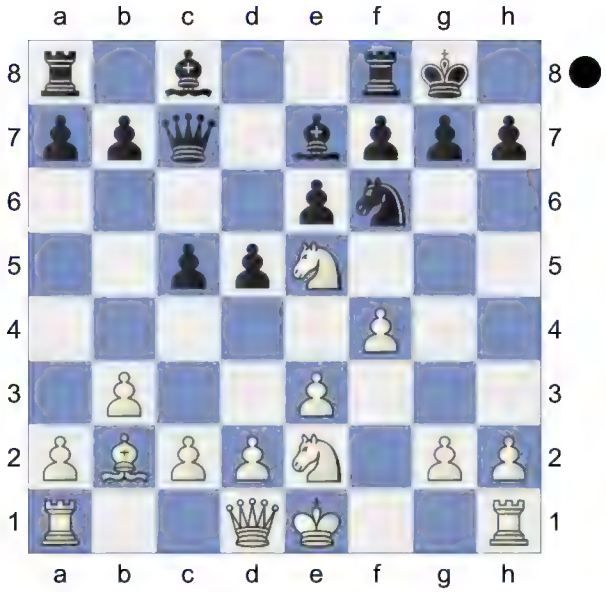
25.Rxf6 0.93/24

[⌓25.Qg3! 1.42/26]

25...Nxf6± 26.Nxe6 Qc3 27.Rf1 Threatens to win with Ne6xg7! **27...Qxd3** 2.14/24
[27...Rd7± 1.05/24 is a better defense.]
28.Nxg7!+- Rc6? 8.79/25
[⌓28...Kxg7 2.30/23 29.Qg3+ Ng4 30.Qxg4+ *(30.Qxd6?? -#5/12 30.Qg3xg4+ 2.16 leads to mate. Qxe3+ 31.Kh1 Nf2+ 32.Kg1 Nh3+ 33.Kh1 Qg1+! 34.Rxg1 Nf2#)* 30...Rg6 31.Qd7+ Kh8]
29.Nf5 Weighted Error Value: White=0.22 (precise) /Black=0.43. Weighted Error Value: White=0.12 (very precise) / Black=0.33
1-0

122 **A03**
□ **Bird,Henry**
■ **Burn,Amos**
London ENG (1) 01.01.1886
[Kitty Kat]

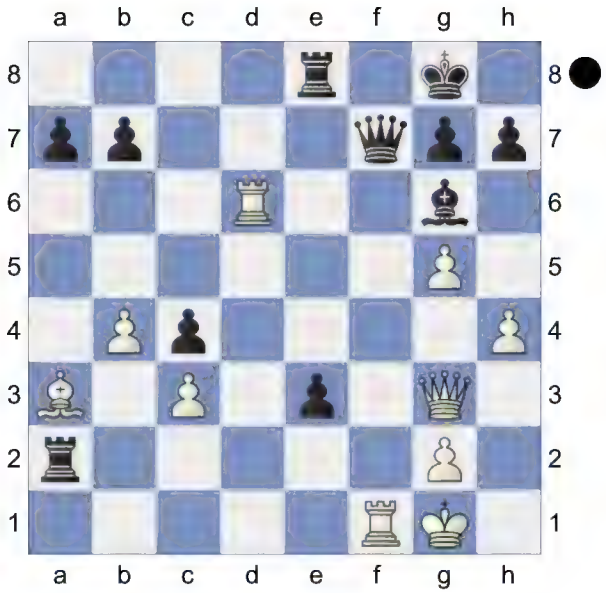
A03: Bird's Opening with 1...d5 **1.f4 d5 2.e3 e6 3.b3 Nf6 4.Nf3 Be7 5.Bb2 0-0 6.Bd3 c5 7.Nc3**
[7.0-0 Nc6 8.Ne5 Nb4 9.Rf3 Nxd3 10.cxd3 d4 11.Rg3 Qd5 12.Na3 Rb8 13.Ng4 b5 14.e4 Qd8 15.Nf2 a6 16.Nc2 b4 17.Ne1 Bb7 18.Nf3 Nh5 19.Nh3 Nxg3 20.hxg3 h6 21.Kf2 f5 Lisik,V (1854)-Grandelius,N (2156) ICCF XI Olympiad Final 2016 Juniors [Dragan Solak] 0-1 (51)]
7...Nc6 8.Bb5N Black is slightly better.
[8.0-0 a6 9.Qe1 Nb4 10.Ne5 Nd7 11.Nxd7 Bxd7 12.Qg3 Bf6 13.Nd1 Bxb2 14.Nxb2 Qf6 15.Rab1 Bb5 16.Qf3 Rfc8 17.a4 Be8 18.c3 Nxd3 19.Nxd3 Qf5 20.Qe2 Rab8 21.g4 Qe4 22.b4 Qc4 Wagner,P-Vaibhav,J Reggio Emilia 1924 ZUS D66 [FS 106] 0-1 (41) 23.bxc5 a5 24.f5 e5 25.Kf2 f6 26.Rb6 Bc6 27.Rfb1 h5 28.h3 hxg4 29.hxg4 Kf7 30.Ne1 Qxc5 31.g5 Rh8 32.Qg4 Qc4 33.d4 Qxc3 34.Nf3 Qc2+ 35.Kg3 Kf8 36.Nh4 exd4 37.Qf4 Re8 Grigoriev,N-Bogoljubow,E Moscow 1924 URS-ch [ChessBase] 0-1 (41)]
8...Qc7 9.Bxc6 Qxc6 10.Ne5 Qc7 11.Ne2 -0.92/16
[11.a4∓ -0.46/18]



11...Rd8 -0.53/18
[11...b5!∓ -0.92/16]
12.Ng3 Bd7 -0.13/18
[12...b5∓ -0.62/18]
13.0-0 Be8 14.Ng4 -0.63/20
[14.f5= -0.04/18]
14...d4 0.14/18
[14...Ne4!∓ -0.63/20]
15.e4 -0.28/19
[15.f5! 0.14/18 feels stronger.]
15...Nxe4 0.14/21 **16.Nxe4=** aiming for Ne4-g3. **16...f5 17.Ng5 Bxg5 18.fxg5 fxg4 19.Qxg4 e5**
[19...Bd7 feels hotter. 20.Rae1 Rf8 21.g6 hxg6 22.Qxg6 Rxf1+ 23.Rxf1

Rf8]
20.c3 -0.01/21
[20.Rae1± 0.40/20]
20...Bg6 21.Qg3 -0.53/22
[21.h4= 0.04/21]
21...Rd7 22.Rac1 -0.63/22
[22.h4= -0.25/23 was preferrable.]
22...Qd6 0.07/20
[22...Qa5∓ -0.63/22 23.a3 Re8]
23.h4 -0.25/22
[⌓23.cxd4 0.07/20 cxd4 24.h4]
23...Re8 24.b4 -0.98/21
[24.Qh3= -0.11/23 remains equal.]
24...dxc3∓ &Nero is more active.
25.dxc3 c4 -0.55/21
[25...e4∓ -1.15/22 26.Qxd6 Rxd6]
26.Qg4 -1.33/20
[26.Rce1!∓ -0.55/21]
26...Qe6 -0.57/24
[26...Bd3∓ -1.33/20 27.Rf2 e4]
27.Qg3? -4.30/23 Loses the game.
[Better is 27.Qxe6+∓ -0.57/24 Rxe6 28.Rce1]
27...e4 -1.99/24
[⌓27...Rd3 -4.30/23 28.Rf3 *(28.Qf2? e4-+)* 28...Rd2]
28.Qf4 -6.62/24
[28.Rcd1 -1.99/24]
28...e3-+ Hoping for ...e3-e2. **29.Rfd1 Rf7 30.Qg3 Rf2 31.Ba3 Rxa2 32.Rd6 Qf7** And now ...Qf7-f2+ would win.
[Less strong is 32...Rxa3 33.Rxe6 Rxe6 34.Qg4±]
33.Rf1

(Diagram)



Qxf1+!! 34.Kxf1 e2+ -6.81/5
[⌓34...Ra1+ -15.25/26 35.Ke2 Bh5+ 36.Qf3 Ra2+ 37.Ke1 Bxf3 38.gxf3 e2]
35.Ke1 Ra1+ Weighted Error Value: White=1.22/Black=0.55
0-1

123 **A03**
□ **Nimzowitsch,Aron**
■ **Kmoch,Hans**
S1 Kecskemet HUN (2) 1927
[Kitty Kat]

A03: Bird's Opening with 1...d5
1.f4 d5 2.Nf3 Nf6 3.e3 Bg4 4.h3 Bxf3 5.Qxf3 Nbd7 6.Nc3
[6.g4 e6 *(6...c6 7.d3 e5 8.Nc3 Bb4 9.Bd2 e4 10.Qg3 Qe7 11.d4 h6 12.Be2 0-0-0 13.a3 Bd6 14.Qf2 Kb8 15.h4 h5 16.g5 Ng4 17.Qg2 f5 18.0-0 Nb6 19.b4 Rd7 20.Rfb1 Rc8 21.Rb2* Sole Pijuan,F (2018)-Cullip,S (2179) Nikea 2019 54 B65 [Dragan Solak] ½-½ (63) *)* 7.d3 Bb4+ 8.c3 Bd6 9.e4 dxe4 10.dxe4 e5 11.g5 Ng8 12.f5 h6 13.h4 Be7 14.Qh5

Nb6 15.Be3 Qd6 16.Na3 c6 17.Nc4 Nxc4 18.Bxc4 0-0-0 19.Rh2 Qc7 20.Bxf7 hxg5 Sernecki,F (2512)-Martin,P (2507) Batumi 1999 CBM 069 [Dressel] 1-0]

6...e6 7.g4 Bb4 8.g5 Bxc3N White has an edge.

[8...Ng8 9.d3 c6 10.Bd2 h6 11.h4 h5 12.a3 Bd6 13.Ne2 Ne7 14.Bc3 Rh7 15.Bh3 Nf5 16.Bxf5 exf5 17.e4 fxe4 18.dxe4 Nb6 19.exd5 cxd5 20.Qd3 g6 21.f5 Kd7 22.a4 Qe8 23.a5 Dziadyk,P-11.Bd3 Ne5 12.Rhe1 Rc Las Vegas 1997 CR97-89 [Sale, Srdjan] 1-0 (32)]

9.bxc3 Ne4 10.d3 Nd6 11.c4 -0.32/19

[11.a4= 0.08/16]

11...c6∓ 12.e4 -1.07/17

[12.Bg2= -0.27/16]

12...dxe4∓ 13.dxe4 f5 -0.05/18

[13...Nc5∓ -0.82/19 14.Be2 Ndxe4]

14.exf5=

[Much worse is 14.gxf6 Qxf6 15.Rb1 Qh4+ 16.Kd1 0-0∓]

14...Qa5+ 0.82/18

[14...exf5= 0.01/18 remains equal. 15.Be2 Ne4]

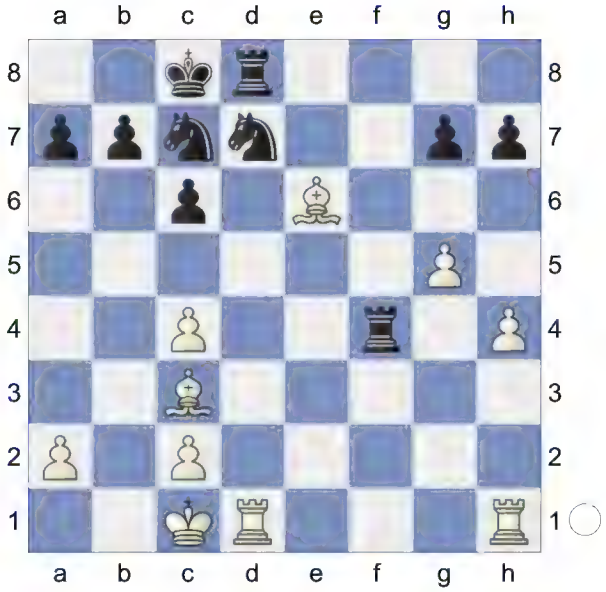
15.Bd2± Qxf5

16.0-0-0! 0-0-0 17.Bc3 Ne8 1.54/20

[17...Ne4!± 0.62/20]

18.h4↑ White is on the roll. &Bianco is more active. **18...Rf8 19.Bh3 Qxf4+ 20.Qxf4 Rxf4 21.Bxe6** Hoping for Rhf1. **21...Nc7?** 3.53/23

[21...g6 1.67/21 was called for. 22.Be5 Re4]



22.Bh3+- A strong pair of Bishops.

22...Rxc4 23.Bxg7 Nd5 24.h5 Kc7 25.g6 hxg6 26.Bxd7

[Less strong is 26.hxg6 Rg8±]

26...gxh5 27.Be6 h4 28.Be5+ Kb6 29.Bd4+ Kb5 30.Rxh4 c5 5.66/23

[30...Re8 3.76/19 was necessary. 31.Rh6 a5 32.Bxd5 cxd5 33.Rb6+ Ka4 34.Rxb7 Re2]

31.Bf2 Rxc2+ 15.14/20

[⌓31...Rxh4 4.99/21 32.Bxh4 Rh8 33.c4+ Kb6]

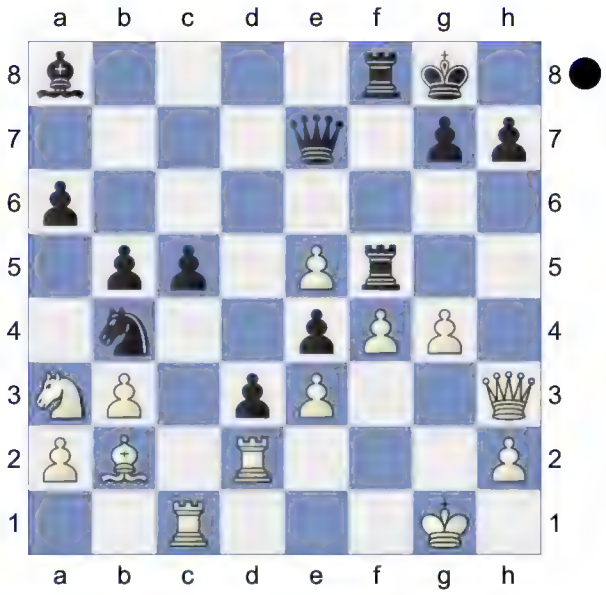
32.Kxc2 Ne3+ 33.Bxe3 Rxd1 34.Kxd1

Weighted Error Value: White=0.13 (very precise) /Black=0.65

1-0

124 **A02**
□ **Bird,Henry**
■ **Skipworth,Arthur**
Horncastle (1) 01.01.1880
[Kitty Kat]

A03: Bird's Opening with 1...d5 Just to be perfectly clear, there is nothing to be learned here. If you wish to click the Continue button then you will not really be missing anything. For those who are up for a little entertainment, read on. There may be a time when you are standing in line at the DMV, or waiting behind someone with a problem at the pharmacy counter. That could be a good opportunity to put this section to use. I was going to tell the story of the best game I did not win here, but after a couple thousand words I decided below, but as I mentioned, there is nothing to be learned here, so it is only there for those who may be curious. Sometimes, something more than simply learning a specific move can be instructive. Sometimes psychology actually can become a weapon. And sometimes Bird's Opening has a major role to play, so it all somewhat ties together. So when you've got a few moments with nothing to do then copy the below link, paste it into your browser's address bar, and enjoy a story that always gives me a bit of a smile when I think of it. [https://birdsopeningforclubplayers.wordpress.com/2023/08/05/the-best-game-i-did-not-win/] If you are curious about the game then you can follow it below, though as I mentioned previously, there really is nothing to learn here. **1.f4 e6 2.e3 c5 3.Nf3 a6 4.b3 Nc6 5.Bb2 Nf6 6.Be2 d5 7.0-0 Bd6 8.Na3N**
[8.d3 0-0 9.Qe1 Qe7 10.Qg3 Nh5 11.Qg5 Qxg5 12.Nxg5 Nf6 13.Nf3 Bd7 14.h3 Rad8 15.a4 Bc8 16.Na3 Be7 17.c4 d4 18.Nc2 dxe3 19.Nxe3 Nd4 20.Nxd4 cxd4 21.Nc2 Bc5 22.b4 Ba7 Postface-Epilogue - The Best Game I Di The Classical Bird for Club Players 2023 (51)]
8...0-0 9.c3 -0.28/20
[9.Ne5 0.03/21 feels stronger.]
9...b6 10.Nc2 Qc7 11.d4 Bb7 12.Ne5 Ne4 13.Bd3 f5
[13...Bxe5 14.fxe5 a5 15.Qg4=]
14.Bxe4 fxe4 15.Qg4 Rf5 16.c4 c4xd5 is the strong threat. **16...Raf8 17.cxd5 exd5 18.Rac1 Qe7 19.Rfd1 Bxe5 20.dxe5 d4 21.g3** -1.55/25
[21.Bxd4∓ -0.32/25 cxd4 22.Nxd4 Nxd4 23.Rxd4]
21...d3∓ &Nero is more active. **22.Na3 b5** Prevents Na3-c4. **23.Rd2 Nb4 24.Qh3 Ba8** -0.93/20
[24...Nxa2-+ -1.84/22 25.Rf1 Bd5]
25.g4 -2.39/22
[25.Rf1∓ -0.93/20]



25...Rxf4!-+ 26.exf4 e3? 0.69/20
[Better is 26...Nd5-+ -2.52/23 White must now prevent ...e4-e3.

27.f5 Qg5]

27.Qxe3± Qb7? 2.36/28

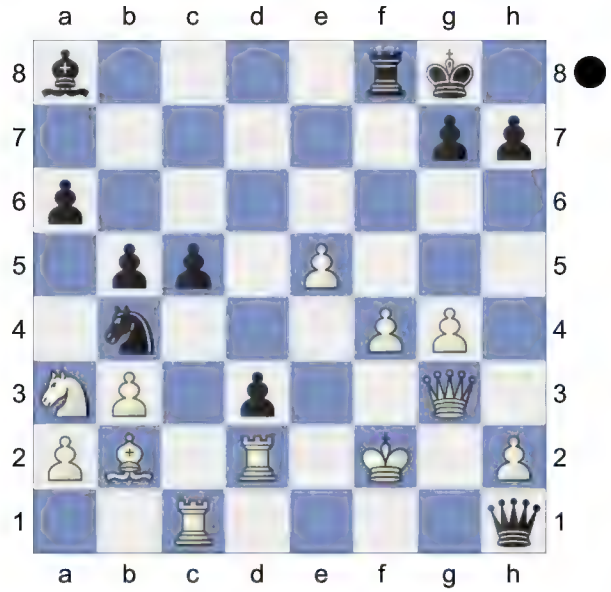
[27...Nd5!= -0.01/27 and Black has nothing to worry. 28.Qg3 *(28.Qxc5? Nxf4 29.Kf1 Ne2+-+)* 28...Nxf4]

28.Qg3?? -6.59/30

[Inferior is 28.Rxc5 Qh1+ 29.Kf2 Qxh2+ 30.Ke1 Qh1+ 31.Kf2 Qh4+ 32.Kf1 Qh1+ 33.Kf2 Qh4+ 34.Kf1 Qh1+ 35.Kf2=]

[28.Rf1+- 2.36/28 Qh1+ 29.Kf2 Qxh2+ 30.Ke1 Qh4+ 31.Kd1]

28...Qh1+-+ 29.Kf2



Rxf4+!! Deflection **30.Qxf4 Qg2+ 31.Ke1 Qg1+ 32.Qf1 Qe3+ 33.Re2 dxe2 34.Qxe2 Nd3+ 35.Kf1 Qh3+ 36.Kg1 Nf4** Weighted Error Value: White=0.59/Black=0.36

0-1

125 **A03**

□ **Bird,Henry**

■ **MacKenzie,George H**

Bradford/ Yorkshire (10) 13.08.1888

[Kitty Kat]

A03: Bird's Opening with 1...d5 **1.f4 d5 2.e3 g6 3.Nf3 Bg7 4.d4 Nf6 5.c3**

[5.Bd3 0-0 6.0-0 c5 *(6...Nbd7 7.Bd2 c5 8.c3 Qb6 9.Qc1 Ne4 10.Be1 Nd6 11.Nbd2 Re8 12.a4 c4 13.Bc2 Nf6 14.a5 Qc7 15.Bg3 Bf5 16.Nh4 e6 17.Nxf5 exf5 18.Re1 Re6 19.Nf3 Nde4 20.Ng5 Re7 21.Bh4* Bird,H-Blackburne,J New York 1889 Blackburne [Blackburne, J. H.] 0-1 (102) *)* 7.c3 cxd4 8.exd4 Ne4 9.Nbd2 f5 10.Ne5 Bxe5 11.fxe5 e6 12.Nf3 b6 13.Bh6 Re8 14.Qc1 Ba6 15.Bxa6 Nxa6 16.Ng5 Rc8 17.Rf3 Nb4 18.Qf4 Nc6 19.Rh3 Qd7 Hortelano Hap,R (1491)-Piccone Uribe,L (1413) Collado Villalba 2023 ½-½]

5...b6N

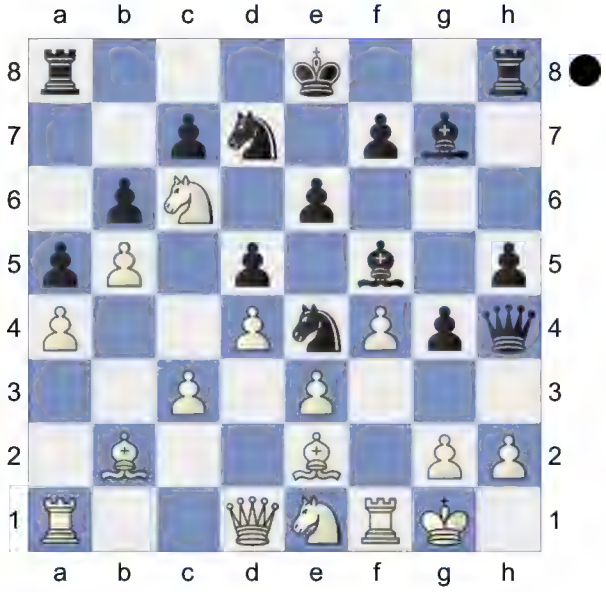
[5...c5 6.Bd3 Qb6 7.0-0 Nc6 8.Nbd2 Nh5 9.Kh1 cxd4 10.Nxd4 Nf6 11.Qe1 Bd7 12.a4 0-0 13.N2f3 Ne4 14.Qh4 Bf6 15.Qe1 Nxd4 16.exd4 Bf5 17.Bb1 Qa6 18.Ne5 h5 19.Bd3 Qa5 20.Qe2 Popescu,M (2107)-Gilea,L (2245) Olanesti ROU 2012 [Ris,Robert] 0-1 (36)]

[5...0-0 6.Bd3 Nbd7 7.Nbd2 c5 8.b4 b6 9.0-0 Qc7 10.Bb2 Bb7 11.a4 Rac8 12.a5 Ne4 13.axb6 axb6 14.Qb1 cxb4 15.cxb4 Nxd2 16.Nxd2 Qd6 17.Ra7 Rc7 18.Rc1 Ra8 19.Rxa8+ Bxa8 20.Rxc7 Chapters-Games Game 1 (37)]

6.a4 a6 7.Na3 -0.37/18

[7.Bd3= -0.01/18 deserves consideration.]

7...Bf5 8.b4 -0.62/19
[8.Be2= -0.29/20 should be considered.]
8...Ne4∓ 9.Bb2 e6 10.Be2 Nd7 11.0-0 h5 12.Nc2 -0.73/19
[12.c4= -0.24/19]
12...g5 0.17/19 &Nero is much more active.
[12...c5∓ -0.73/19]
13.b5 -0.68/21
[Better is 13.fxg5= 0.17/19 Nxg5 14.c4]
13...a5 -0.01/19
[13...g4!∓ -0.68/21 14.Nd2 Nxd2 15.Qxd2 a5]
14.Ne5 -0.43/22
[14.fxg5= -0.01/19 is more appropriate. Nxg5 15.c4]
14...g4 ...Bg7xe5 is the strong threat.
15.Nc6 -1.19/20
[15.Qe1!∓ -0.33/20]
15...Qh4∓ And now ...g4-g3 would win.
16.Ne1 -1.30/21
[⌓16.Bd3 -0.88/23]



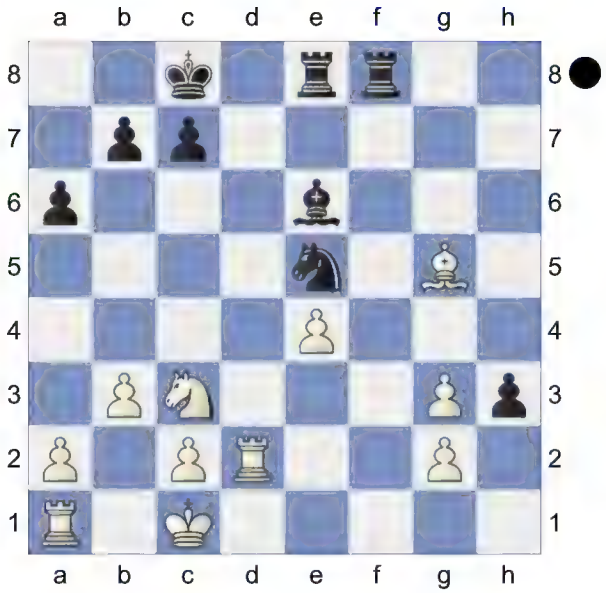
16...Nf8 0.14/18
[16...g3!∓ -1.30/21 17.h3 Nf2]
17.g3? -4.72/23 Loses the game.
[17.c4= 0.14/18 and White is okay.]
17...Nxg3 -2.26/19
[⌓17...Qh3 -4.72/23 Hoping for ...h5-h4. 18.Nd3 h4]
18.hxg3 -5.26/23
[18.Rf2 -2.26/19 is a better defense.]
18...Qxg3+-+ 19.Ng2 Be4 20.Rf2 h4 21.Bd3 Bxd3 22.Qxd3 h3

Pin **23.Raf1 Ng6** White must now prevent ...Ng6xf4!
[Don't go for 23...hxg2? 24.Rxg2 Qh3 25.Kf2-+]
24.f5 -11.24/23
[⌓24.Qe2 -4.66/22]
24...Nh4 (→ ...Nh4-f3+). Pin **25.Rd2 hxg2** Weighted Error Value: White=1.35/ Black=0.76
0-1

126 **A02**
□ **Bird,Henry Edward**
■ **Lasker,Emanuel**
Match New Castle on Tyne 1892
[Kitty Kat]

A02: Bird's Opening **1.f4** Mon Hokmome **1...e5 2.fxe5 d6 3.exd6 Bxd6 4.Nf3**

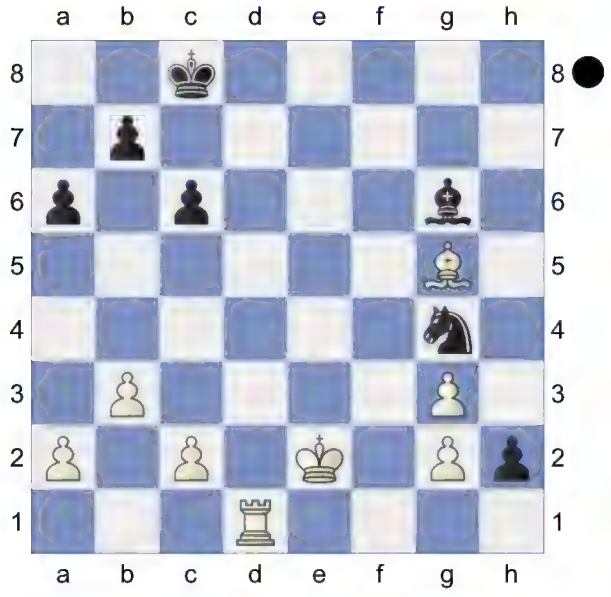
g5 5.d4 g4 6.Ne5 Bxe5 7.dxe5 Qxd1+ 8.Kxd1 Nc6 9.Bf4 0.23/23
[9.Nc3± 0.57/20]
9...Be6= 10.e3 0.05/21
[10.Nc3± 0.40/21]
10...Nge7 11.Bb5 White has an edge.
[11.Nd2 0-0-0 12.Bd3 Ng6 13.Bg5 Rde8 14.Bf6 Rhg8 15.Ne4 Bd5 16.c4 Ncxe5 17.cxd5 Nxd3 18.Kd2 Rxe4 19.Kxd3 Rge8 20.Bd4 f5 21.Rac1 Rd8 22.Rhf1 Rxd5 23.Rc5 Ne5+ 24.Kd2 Rxc5 25.Bxc5 Nc4+ Niemela,A (2279)-Sulskis,S (2577) Finland 2012 0-1 (41)]
11...0-0-0+
[11...a6 12.Bd3 0-0-0 13.Nc3 Ng6 14.Ke2 Ncxe5 15.Rad1 Nxd3 16.cxd3 Nxf4+ 17.exf4 f5 18.Rhe1 Bf7 19.Kf2 Rd7 20.Re5 Rhd8 21.Ke3 Re8 22.d4 c5 23.Rxe8+ Bxe8 24.dxc5 Re7+ 25.Kf2 Bf7 26.b4 Shuvalova,P (2496) - Makhmudov,S (2115) Chess.com INT 2023 1-0 (41)]
12.Kc1 Bd5N 0.31/21
[12...a6= -0.01/22 13.Bxc6 Nxc6 14.Nc3 h5 15.Bg5 Rd7 16.Bf6 Re8 17.e4 a5 18.b3 Nd4 19.Rd1 b5 20.Kb2 b4 21.Na4 Ne2 22.Nc5 Rxd1 23.Rxd1 Nc3 24.Rd3 Nb5 25.c4 Na7 26.a4 Nc6 27.Kc2 Nb8 28.Kd2 Nd7 Angermann, I-Markus,R corr CiF 2001 0-1 (43) 29.Nxd7 Bxd7 30.Ke3 Bc6 31.Kf4 Rg8 32.Rd4 Bb7 33.c5 Bc6 34.Kg3 Bd7 35.Kh4 Be6 36.Rd5 Kb7 37.Rd3 Kc6 38.Kxh5 g3 39.h4 Rg6 40.Bg5 Kxc5 41.Rxg3 Kd4 42.Rf3 Kxe5 43.Re3 c5 Angermann,I (1977)-Markus Roland 0-1 (43)]
13.Rg1± a6 14.Be2 Be6 15.Nc3 h6 0.43/23
[15...h5= 0.12/22 might be stronger.]
16.Bd3 Ng6 17.Bxg6 fxg6 18.Rd1 -0.68/24
[18.b3± 0.39/20]
18...Rde8 -0.01/23 &Nero is more active.
[18...g5∓ -0.68/24 19.Rxd8+ *(19.Bg3 Rxd1+ 20.Kxd1 h5∓)* 19...Rxd8]
19.e4 g5 Black has compensation.
20.Bg3 Rhf8
[20...h5!?]
21.b3! h5 ... h5-h4 is the strong threat.
22.Rd2 h4 23.Bf2 Nxe5 24.Be3 -0.68/22
[24.Kb2= -0.18/22]
24...h3!∓ 25.Bxg5 -1.78/23 Loses the game.
[25.Kb2∓ -0.40/20]
25...g3!-+ 26.hxg3 -3.01/23
[⌓26.gxh3 -1.66/22 Nf3 27.hxg3 Nxg5 28.h4]



26...Rf1+!
[Weaker is 26...h2 27.Kb2=]
27.Kb2 Rxa1 28.Kxa1 h2 29.Rd1 Ng4 30.Rh1 Bf7 31.Kb2 c6 32.Kc1 Bg6 Black has a decisive advantage.
33.Kd2 Rxe4 34.Nd1 Rd4+ 35.Ke2

(Diagram)

Rxd1 36.Rxd1 Endgame



KRB-KBN **36...Be4 37.Rd8+ Kc7 38.Rd1** Threatens to win with Bg5-d8+. **38...Bxg2 39.Bd8+ Kc8 40.Bb6 Bd5 41.c4 h1Q 42.Rxh1 Bxh1** Weighted Error Value: White=0.29 (precise) / Black=0. 09 (flawless)

0-1

127 **A03**

□ **Bird,Henry Edward**

■ **Blackburne,Joseph Henry**

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[Kitty Kat]

A03: Bird's Opening with 1...d5 **1.f4 d5 2.e3 c5 3.Nf3 a6 4.b3 Nc6 5.Bb2 e6 6.Be2 Nf6 7.0-0! Be7** -0.05/19

[7...d4!∓ -0.83/18]

8.Qe1

[8.Ne5 Qc7 9.d3 0-0 10.Nd2 Nd7 11.Ndf3 f6 12.Nxc6 Qxc6 13.Qe1 b5 14.a4 Bb7 15.Qg3 Nb6 16.axb5 axb5 17.Nh4 c4 18.Bg4 Bc8 19.bxc4 bxc4 20.Bd4 Bd7 21.Be2 Bc5 22.Rxa8 Nxa8 Bird,H-Tarrasch, S Manchester 1890 Bird-Defence [Oleinikov] ½-½ (39)]

8...0-0 9.d3N -0.56/18

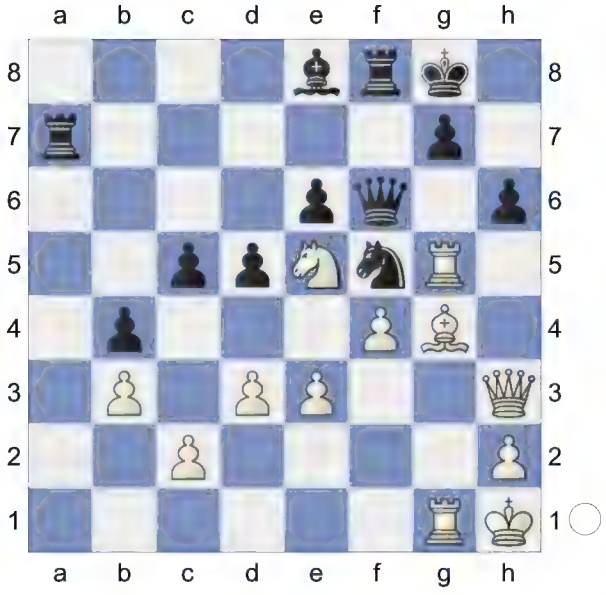
[9.Ne5= -0.18/19]

[9.Qg3 Ne8 10.d4 Nd6 11.Nbd2 cxd4 12.exd4 Qc7 13.Qf2 Rd8 14.c3 Bd7 15.Bd3 Be8 16.Ng5 h6 17.Ngf3 Bf8 18.Rae1 Ne7 19.g4 Rac8 20.Ne5 b5 21.Qg3 f5 22.h3 Ne4 23.Bxe4 dxe4 Qxd4 Side Lines-Sierra Vallina,L 7.Nc2 1890 CBM 055 ext [Blum,A FS 92:85] ½-½ (46) 24.c4 Nc6 25.Nxc6 Bxc6 26.Rf2 Rd7 27.gxf5 exf5 28.d5 Bc5 29.Kh2 Bxf2 30.Qxf2 Bxd5 31.cxd5 Rxd5 32.Rc1 Qd7 33.Rxc8+ Qxc8 34.Nf1 Qd7 35.Be5 Rd1 36.Qg2 Kh7 37.h4 h5 38.Bc3 g6 Bird,H-Lange,M Nuremberg 1883 Bird-Defence [Oleinikov] 1-0 (46)]

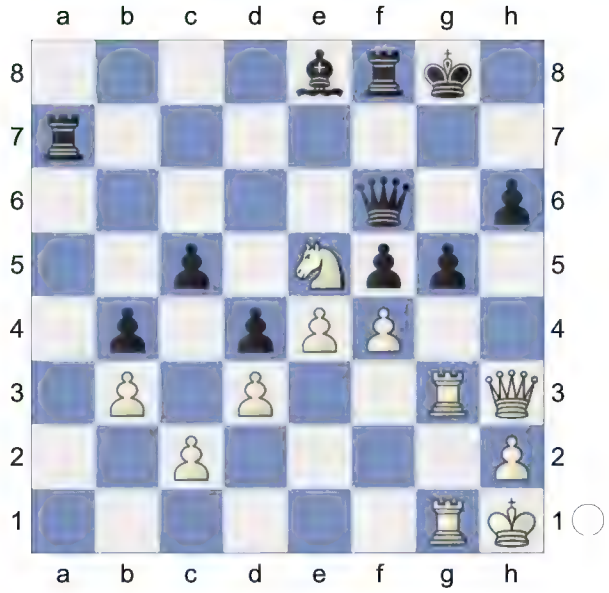
[9.a3 b5 10.d3 Bb7 11.Nbd2 Rc8 12.Qg3 Ne8 13.Qh3 Bf6 14.Ne5 Nxe5 15.Bxe5 Nd6 16.Bg4 c4 17.Nf3 Re8 18.Nd4 cxb3 19.cxb3 g6 20.Rac1 Rxc1 21.Rxc1 Nf5 22.Bxf5 exf5 23.Bxf6 Qxf6

Bird,H-Weiss,M New York 1889 Collected Works [Steinitz, W.] ½-½ (59)]

9...Ne8 -0.05/19
[9...d4∓ -0.56/18]
10.Ne5 Bd7
[10...Nb4!? 11.Qc1 f6=]
11.Qg3 f5 0.17/19
[11...b5 -0.19/19 is superior.]
12.Nd2= Bf6 13.Ndf3 b5 14.Qh3 0.09/17
[14.c4± 0.58/18 might be stronger.]
14...Nxe5 15.Bxe5 Bxe5 16.Nxe5 Nd6 17.Rf3 -0.26/17
[⌓17.Rad1 0.28/20]
17...Be8 0.06/20
[17...a5 -0.26/17 was preferrable.]
18.g4 Ra7 19.Kh1 a5 20.Rg1 b4 21.Rfg3 a4 22.gxf5 Nxf5 23.Rg5 axb3 24.axb3 Qf6 25.Bg4 h6!



26.Bxf5! exf5 27.R5g3 d4! 28.e4 -0.51/21
[Better is 28.Qg2= -0.01/23 dxe3 29.Rxe3]
28...g5? 4.31/25
[28...fxe4 29.Ng4 *(29.Qc8 Qd6∓)* 29...Bc6 30.Nxh6+ Kh7 31.Nf7+ Kg8 32.Nh6+ Kh8 33.Ng4+ Qh6 34.Nxh6+-]
[28...Kh7!∓ -0.51/21 keeps the upper hand. 29.Rf1 fxe4 30.dxe4 Re7]



29.Qg2? -1.25/24
[29.fxg5!+- 4.31/25 Qxe5 30.gxh6+ Kh8 31.h7]
29...Rg7 -0.01/24
[29...fxe4?! 30.Ng4 *(30.Qxe4 Re7∓)* 30...Qe6 31.fxg5 exd3 32.Nf6+ Kh8 33.Nxe8 *(33.Rh3? Qxh3 34.cxd3 Qxg2+ 35.Kxg2 hxg5-+)* 33...Qxe8 34.cxd3= *(34.gxh6 dxc2 35.Qxc2 Qa8+ 36.Qg2 Ra2∓)*]
[29...Kh7!∓ -1.25/24 Strongly threatening ...f5xe4. 30.Nf3 g4]
30.exf5 aiming for Qg2-d5+. **30...Qxf5** Threatens to win with ...Kg8-h7.
31.Qd5+ Bf7 32.Qxc5 Rd8? 1.40/23
[32...Qc8!= -0.19/25 33.Nc6 *(33.Qxd4 Qb7+ 34.R1g2 Bd5∓)* 33...Qd7 34.Ne7+ *(34.Nxb4 Rb8∓; 34.Nxd4? Bd5+ 35.Nf3 Rxf4-+)* 34...Qxe7! 35.Qxe7 Bd5+ 36.Qe4 Bxe4+ 37.dxe4 Rxf4]

(Diagram)

33.Rf1!± Qc5-b6 is the strong threat.
[Wrong is 33.Qxb4? Bd5+ 34.R3g2 *(34.Nf3? Qxf4 35.Rf1 g4-+)* 34...gxf4-+]
33...Rd5 34.Nxf7 Rxf7 35.Qxb4 Kh7 2.21/25
[35...Qf6± 1.57/22 36.Rff3 Qc6]
36.Rgf3+- g4 37.R3f2 h5 2.40/23
[⌓37...Qf6 1.93/22 38.f5 Rdd7]
38.Qe1 Qd7 39.Re2 Rdf5 40.Re4 Qd5 41.Kg1 Kh6 3.47/22
[⌓41...Qc5 2.31/22 42.Qe2 Qd6]
42.Qf2 Rd7 43.Rfe1 Qf7 44.Re6+ Kh7 45.R1e4 Rfd5 10.24/24
[⌓45...Kg7 4.05/21 46.b4 Rf6]
46.Qh4 Qf5 47.Rf6 Weighted Error Value: White=0.35/Black=0.44. Loss on time!?
0-1

128 **A02**
□ **Bird,Henry**
■ **Mason,J.**
New York, NY USA (1) 01.01.1876
[Kitty Kat]

A02: Bird's Opening **1.f4 f5**
[1...d5 2.Nf3 Nf6 3.e3 Bg4 4.b3 Nbd7 5.Bb2 e6 6.h3 Bxf3 7.Qxf3 Bd6 8.Nc3 c6 9.g4 h6 10.h4 h5 11.g5 Ng4 Chess Informant ECO Survey 2003]
2.e3 Nf6
[2...e6 3.Be2 Nf6 4.b3 Be7 5.Bb2 0-0 6.Nf3 d6 7.a4 Ne4 8.d3 Bf6 9.c3 Nc5 10.b4 Ncd7 11.Qb3 Qe8 12.Nd4 Bxd4 13.cxd4 d5 14.Nd2 Nf6 15.Nf3 Ng4 16.Kd2 Nd7 17.h3 4.Qxd4 side lines-Read,E Sokhumi 1878 Juniors [Wang,Zili; Zhu,Chen] 1-0 (32)]
3.b3 b6 4.Bb2 e6 5.Be2 Bb7 6.Bf3 Nc6 7.Nh3
[7.Ne2= -0.10/20]
7...Be7
[7...Qe7∓ -0.42/20]
8.c4
[8.Rg1= 0.00/19 should be considered.]
8...Rb8
[8...d5∓ -0.37/19]
9.0-0 0-0 10.d3 d5 11.d4
[11.Qe2= 0.07/18]
11...Qe8
[11...dxc4∓ -0.33/21 12.bxc4 Qd7]
12.Nc3
[12.Nd2= 0.04/19 remains equal.]
12...Nd8
[12...dxc4∓ -0.81/21 13.Ng5 Bd6]
13.Rc1 c6 14.Rc2 a6
[14...Nf7= -0.07/19]
15.Be2
[15.Na4± 0.34/21 deserves

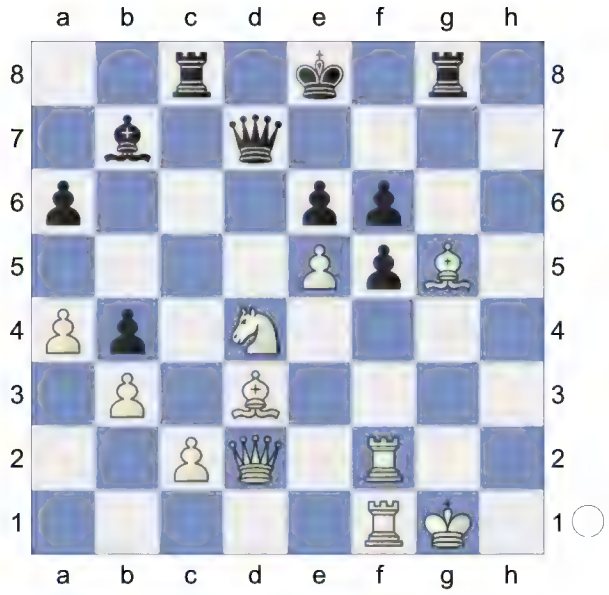
consideration.]
15...Nf7 16.Nf2 Ba8= -0.01/19
[16...c5= 0.00/18]
17.Bd3
[17.c5!?]
17...Nh6 18.Be2
[18.c5± 0.42/20]
18...Rc8 19.Nb1
[19.cxd5± 1.02/21 exd5 20.Bxa6]
19...Kh8
[19...c5= 0.08/20]
20.Nd2 Rg8
[20...c5± 0.40/19 is superior.]
21.Nf3
[21.c5± 0.79/20]
21...Nf7 22.Nh3
[22.c5± 0.75/19]
22...Ng4
[22...c5!= 0.12/20]
23.Bc1 g5
[Better is 23...c5± 0.53/22]
24.Ne5
[White should play 24.Nhxg5+- 2.30/21 Bb7 25.c5 *(25.Nxe6 Bb4±)*]
24...Ngxe5 25.fxe5 g4
[25...c5± 0.45/21]
26.Nf4 Ng5 27.Kh1
[27.cxd5± 1.07/22 cxd5 28.Bxa6 Rxc2 29.Qxc2]
27...Qf8
[27...Bb7± 0.64/20]
28.Bxg4 Qh6
[28...fxg4∓ -1.57/21 keeps the pressure on. 29.Nxe6 Qh6 30.Nxg5 Qxg5]
29.Bh3
[29.Be2+- 1.97/20]
29...dxc4
[⌓29...Ne4 1.13/22]
30.bxc4
[Don't go for 30.Rxc4? Nxh3 31.Nxh3 Rxg2!! 32.Kxg2 Rg8+ 33.Kh1 c5+ 34.d5 exd5-+]
30...c5
[30...Rgf8± 1.37/22 31.Qe2 Bb7]
31.d5 Rcd8 32.e4 Qh4 33.exf5 exd5 34.cxd5
[34.Nxd5+- 5.17/20 Nxh3 35.Bb2 *(35.gxh3? b5-+)*]
34...Nxh3 35.gxh3
[Wrong is 35.Nxh3? Bxd5 36.Rf3 Qa4-+]
[35.f6+- 2.56/20 Nxf4 36.Rxf4 Rxd5 37.Qg1]
35...Rxd5 36.Nxd5 Qe4+ 37.Rf3 Bxd5
38.Rcf2 Black must now prevent f5-f6.
38...Bh4 Dancing on a razor blade.
39.Rf1 Qxe5 40.Qd2? -7.75/27
[40.Bd2 -2.84/23 Bb7 41.Bh6]
40...Bf6 This bishop pair is nice. **41.Qf4 Qe7** -5.06/25 Quite a comeback for Black. Weighted Error Value: White=1.07/Black=0.64 0-1 (41) Bird,H-Mason,J New York 1876 EXT 2015 [Mon Hokmome]
[⌓41...Qe2 -#4/10 42.Rg1 Bxf3+ 43.Qxf3 Qxf3+ 44.Rg2 Qxg2#]
0-1

129 **A02**
□ **Bird,Henry**
■ **Falkbeer,Ernst**
m1 London ENG 1856
[Kitty Kat]

A02: Bird's Opening **1.f4 c5 2.e3 e6 3.b3 Be7N**
[3...d5 4.Bb5+ Bd7 5.a4 Nc6 6.Nf3 f6 7.0-0 Bd6 8.d4 a6 9.Bxc6 Bxc6 10.Ba3 cxd4 11.Nxd4 Bxa3 12.Nxa3 Bd7 13.Qg4 Kf7 14.Qf3 Ne7 15.c4 Re8 16.Rad1 Kg8 17.Kh1 Qb6 18.e4 4.Qxd4 side lines-Cramling Pia (SWE) Sokhumi 1878 Juniors [Wang, Zili; Zhu,Chen] 0-1 (70)]

4.Nc3 Bh4+ 5.g3 Bf6 6.Nf3 d5 7.d4 cxd4 8.exd4 The position is equal. **8...a6 9.Bd3 Nc6 10.Be3 b5 11.a4 b4 12.Ne2 Bb7 13.Rc1** -0.13/21
[⌓13.g4 0.30/19]
13...h5 14.Qd2
[14.0-0 is interesting. Nh6 15.Ne5 Ng4 16.Qd2]
14...Nh6 15.h3 Qd6 0.51/22
[Black should play 15...g6= -0.17/20]
16.Ne5 0.15/20
[16.g4!± 0.51/22 might be stronger. hxg4 17.hxg4]
16...Bxe5 1.37/23
[16...Nf5= 0.15/20 remains equal.]
17.fxe5±
[Don't take 17.dxe5 Qe7±]
17...Qe7 2.31/25
[17...Qd7± 1.31/24 keeps fighting. 18.0-0 Nf5 19.Bxf5 exf5]
18.Bg5+- Qd7 19.0-0 Rc8 20.Rf4 Nf5 21.Rcf1 g6 22.g4 hxg4 23.hxg4 Rg8 24.gxf5 gxf5 25.R4f2 Nxe5 6.36/25
[⌓25...Qe7 4.17/23 26.Rg2 Qf8]
26.dxe5 d4 27.Nxd4? 2.56/26 **f6?** 9.64/25
[27...Qxd4? 28.Bb5+! axb5 29.Qxd4]
[27...Qd8 2.56/26 28.Nf3 Bxf3 29.Rxf3 Qxg5+ 30.Qxg5 Rxg5+ 31.Kf2 Ke7]

(Diagram)



28.exf6? 0.01/23 **Qxd4= 29.f7+**
[Reject 29.Bb5+ Kf7 30.Re1 *(30.Qxd4* is a self mate. *Rxg5+)* 30...Qxd2 31.Rxd2 Rxg5+ 32.Kf1 axb5∓]
29...Kxf7 (→ ...Rg8-h8) **30.Bxf5!** Intending Bf5-g6+ and mate. **30...Qxd2→** Pin. Black is up to no good. The board is on fire. **31.Bg6+?** -5.96/27 White does not recover from this. **31...Kxg6-+ 32.Bxd2 Kh7+ 33.Kh2 Rc5 34.Rf7+ Kh8** Brooklyn Chess Chronicle 1883/84, p. 157. Weighted Error Value: White=1.02/Black=0.38
0-1

130 **A03**
□ **Bird,Henry**
■ **Burille,Constant Fedinand**
06.Congress New York, NY USA (9)
[Kitty Kat]

A03: Bird's Opening with 1...d5 **1.f4** Notes by Steinitz. **1...d5 2.e3 Nf6 3.Be2**
[3.Nf3 g6 4.d3 Bg7 5.Be2 0-0 6.0-0 c5 7.Qe1 Nc6 8.c3 b6 9.Na3

Ba6 10.e4 c4 11.dxc4 dxe4 12.Ne5 Qc7 13.Nxc6 Qxc6 14.f5 Rad8 15.Be3 Nd7 16.b3 Nc5 17.Nc2 Nd3 Rasidovic,S (2365)-Mirkovic,S (2390) CI1-130 [Mirkovic,Slobodan] 0-1 (34)]

3...e6

[3...Bf5 4.Nf3 Nc6 5.d3 e6 6.0-0 Bc5 7.Qe1 0-0 8.Kh1 Ng4 9.Bd1 Qd7 10.h3 Nf6 11.Nbd2 Rad8 12.Nh4 d4 13.e4 Bg6 14.f5 exf5 15.exf5 Bh5 16.g4 Rde8 17.Qf2 Bg6 18.fxg6 Stamer,W-Klaus,G (1294) www.desc-online.de 1999 UltraCorr3a [Fritz 6 Old (30s)] 1-0 (46)]

4.Nf3 Bd6 5.Nc3N

[5.0-0 0-0 6.d3 b6 7.h3 c5 8.Qe1 Nc6 9.g4 e5 10.Qh4 e4 11.Ne1 Ne7 12.Nc3 exd3 13.cxd3 d4 14.Ne4 dxe3 15.Nxf6+ gxf6 16.Bxe3 Ng6 17.Qg3 f5 18.g5 Re8 19.Nc2 Bb7 Potter,W-Zukertort,J London 1875 Collected Works [Steinitz, W.] ½-½ (49)]

5...a6 6.0-0 c5 7.Qe1 Nc6 8.d4 Black has an edge. **8...b6** Having already made preparations by a6 to maintain his chain of pawns on the q-side, he now could have played c4 more effectively. **9.Qg3 0-0 10.Ne5 Bb7 11.Nxc6 Bxc6 12.Qh3 Ne4** -0.31/21 Much better was b5 , with the view of driving off the adverse Knight by b4.

[12...b5∓ -0.81/19]

13.Nxe4∓ dxe4 14.c3 f5 15.g4 Qe7 16.Rf2 Be8 -0.05/18 Waste of time. Compare Black's sixteenth move.

[16...b5∓ -0.62/18]

17.Rg2 -0.36/19

[17.gxf5= -0.05/18 exf5 18.d5]

17...cxd4 ? 18.exd4 b5 19.Be3 Bc6 20.gxf5 exf5 21.Kh1 Qe6 22.Rag1 Rf7 23.b3 next c3-c4 is good for White.

23...Bd5! Against c3-c4 **24.Rg5?** -1.35/23

[White should play 24.Bh5= 0.22/24 Rc7 25.Bg6 hxg6 26.Rxg6]

24...Be7 0.13/24

[Black should try 24...g6∓ -1.35/23 ...Ra8-c8 is the strong threat. 25.Qh6 Rf6]

25.Rh5= g6 26.c4! ! 26...bxc4

[26...Bb7 is more complex. 27.d5 Qf6 28.Rhg5 Qc3]

27.bxc4 Bxc4 28.Rxg6+! White's very ingenious attack might have yielded more decisive results here if he had first played Bxc4 for after 28...Qxc4 29. Rxg6+, if 29...Kf8 30.Rxf5 and should win. Or if 29...hxg6 30.Rh8+ Kg7 31. Rxa8 with a pawn ahead and a strong attack. **28...Qxg6 29.Bxc4** Black must now prevent Rh5xf5. **29...Rb8 30.Bxf7+ Kxf7**

[30...Qxf7 is interesting. 31.Rxf5 Rb1+ 32.Bg1 Qg6]

31.Qxf5+

[Not 31.Rxh7+? Ke6 32.Bc1 *(32.d5+? Kxd5 33.Qf1 Qxh7-+)* 32...Rb1 33.Rxe7+ Kxe7-+]

[31.Rxf5+? Ke8 32.Rg5 Bxg5 33.fxg5 Qf7-+]

31...Qxf5 32.Rxf5+ Endgame KRB-KRB **32...Bf6 33.Ra5 Rb6** 0.35/23

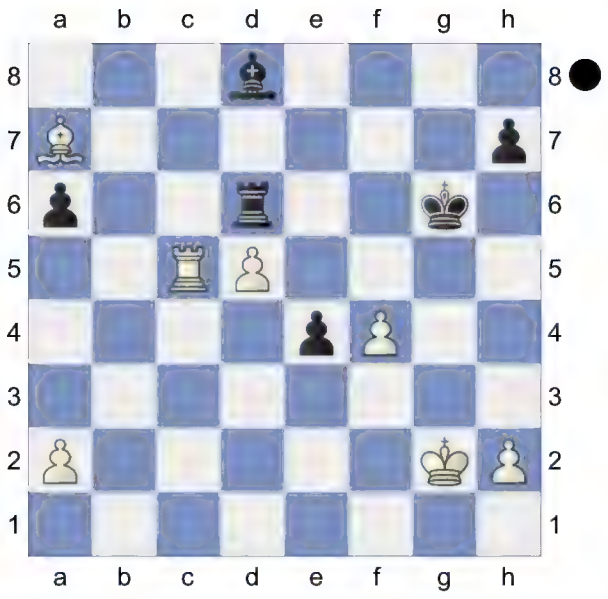
[33...Rb1+= 0.01/24 34.Kg2 Rb2+ 35.Kf1 Rb1+ 36.Ke2 Rb2+ 37.Kf1 Rb1+ 38.Kg2 Rb2+ 39.Kg3 Re2]

34.d5± Rd6 35.Kg2 Kg6 36.Ba7 0.01/25

[36.Rc5± 0.43/22]

36...Bd8 37.Rc5

(Diagram)

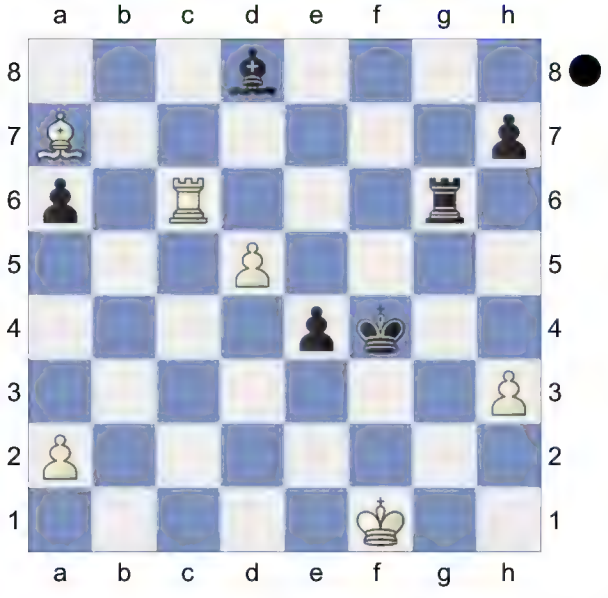


Strongly threatening Rc5-c6. **37...Kf5** **38.h3** Losing a valuable pawn which he could have easily protected with increased force of attack by Bb8. **38...Rg6+** **39.Kf1!** aiming for d5-d6+.

[Don't play 39.Kf2 Rg7 40.d6+ Kxf4∓]

39...Kxf4 **40.Rc6?** -2.88/24

[40.d6!= -0.16/23 and White has nothing to worry.]



Prevents Bd8-b6. **40...Rxc6!-+** **41.dxc6** Threatens to win with Ba7-b8+. KB-KB

41...Bc7 -0.01/35 Against Ba7-b8

[41...Kf3-+ -2.51/30 42.Bf2 *(42.Bb8* is a self mate. *e3 43.Ke1 Ba5+ 44.Kd1 e2+ 45.Kc2 e1Q 46.Bd6 Qd2+ 47.Kb3 Qc3+ 48.Ka4 Qb2 49.Be7 Qxa2+ 50.Ba3 Qc4+ 51.Kxa5 Qb5#)* 42...e3]

42.Ke2= Against e4-e3. The position is equal. **42...h5 43.Bf2 Kf5 44.Bd4 Ke6 45.Ke3 Kd5 46.Ba7 Bd6 47.Bd4 Bc7 48.a4 Bd6 49.Bf6 Bc7 50.Bg5 a5 51.h4 Kxc6 52.Kxe4 Bg3 53.Be7 Be1 54.Kf5 Kd5 55.Kg5 Kc4** Weighted Error Value: White=0.20 (precise) / Black=0.20 (precise)

½-½

131 **A03**

□ **Bird,Henry**

■ **Teichmann,Richard**

Hastings ENG 1895

[Kitty Kat]

Mon Hokmome: 'A03: Bird's Opening with 1...d5' **1.f4** Mon Hokmome **1...d5** **2.e3** **g6** A good continuation, preventing 3. b3 followed by Bb2 and Bd3, as generally played by Bird, and which gives White many chances for attack. **3.Nf3** **Bg7** **4.Nc3**

[4.Be2 Mon Hokmome Nf6 5.0-0 0-0 6.Qe1 c5 7.d3 Nc6 8.Bd1 Re8 9.Qg3 e5 10.Nxe5 Nxe5 11.fxe5 Rxe5 12.e4 Re8 13.exd5 Nxd5 14.Qf3 Bf5 15.c3 Nf6 16.Bc2 c4 17.Qxb7 cxd3 18.Bb3 Re7 11.g4 Kh8 12.Be3 (2520)-Kolmakov,S (2535) ICCF corr 1994 Telechess CBM 89 [Hillarp Persson,T] 0-1]

4...Nf6 **5.d4** Mon Hokmome: 'N'

[5.b3 Mon Hokmome 0-0 6.Bb2 c5 7.d4 Nc6 8.Bb5 cxd4 9.exd4 Qb6

10.Bxc6 Qxc6 11.Ne5 Qc7 12.Qf3 Bf5 13.0-0 Qa5 14.Rac1 Rac8 15.a3 Ne4 16.b4 Qd8 17.Nb1 Nd6 18.Qxd5 Bxc2 19.Nd2 Bf5 8.♘d4 ♕c7 9.♖e1_64762 (1967)-Korshunov,S (2305) Plovdiv 2014 CBM 91-C47 [Dragan Solak] 0-1 (35)]

5...b6 6.Ne5 Bb7 7.Be2 Nbd7 8.Bb5 Mon Hokmome: 'The position is equal.' **8...0-0 9.0-0 Nb8! 10.Bd2 a6 11.Be2 c5 12.Be1 Nc6 13.Bh4 e6 14.Ng4 cxd4 15.exd4 Nb8** curious, but practical maneuvers of the knight **16.Qe1 Nbd7 17.Bd3 Qc7 18.Ne5 Rac8 19.Rd1 b5 20.Ne2** -0.37/23

[20.a4= 0.06/22 (Mon Hokmome) feels stronger.]

20...Ne4 21.Ng3 f5

[Don't do 21...Bxe5 Mon Hokmome 22.fxe5 f5 23.exf6±]

22.c3 Nxe5 23.fxe5 Bh6 Mon Hokmome: '&Nero is more active.' **24.Nxe4** -1.16/26 now Black has obtained a strong passed pawn

[24.Nh1∓ -0.57/24 Mon Hokmome]

24...dxe4 Mon Hokmome: '∓'

[Reject 24...fxe4?! Mon Hokmome 25.Rxf8+ Rxf8 26.Be2=]

25.Bc2 Bd5 26.Bb3 g5 Mon Hokmome: '!' **27.Bf2 Qf7** -0.85/22

[⌓27...f4 -1.19/23 Mon Hokmome 28.Bxd5 exd5]

28.Qe2 Qg6 29.h3 -1.23/23

[White should play 29.Rde1!∓ -0.70/22 Mon Hokmome]

29...Rc7 -0.87/21

[⌓29...f4 -1.23/23 (Mon Hokmome) White must now prevent ...f4-f3. 30.Be1 f3 31.gxf3 exf3]

30.g3 -1.46/21

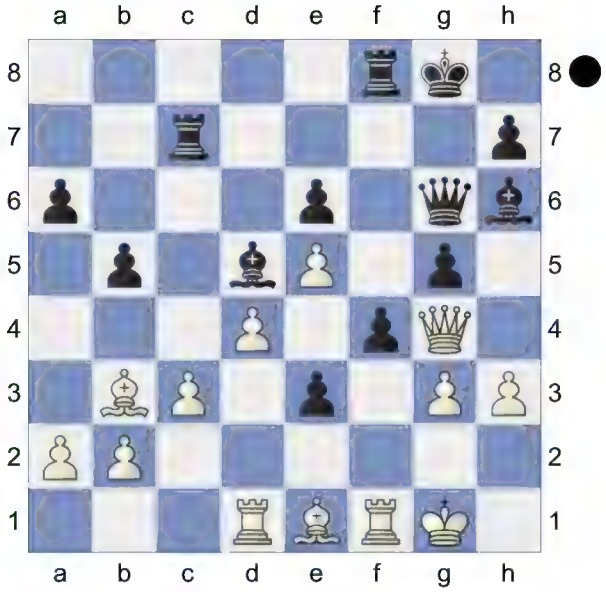
[⌓30.Be1 -0.87/21 Mon Hokmome]

30...f4 31.Qg4 -2.46/24

[31.g4∓ -1.49/21 (Mon Hokmome) keeps fighting.]

31...e3 Mon Hokmome: '-+' **32.Be1** -5.20/24 Mon Hokmome: '?' Mon Hokmome: '

[32.Bxe3 -2.14/24 (Mon Hokmome) is more resistant. Bxb3 33.axb3 fxe3 34.Rxf8+ Kxf8 35.Qf3+ Rf7 36.Qxe3]



' **32...Rc4!** After this move, Black's pawns rush forward with irresistable force **33.Kh2 Qe4 34.Rg1** Mon Hokmome: 'Prevents Qe4-g2+.' **34...f3** Mon Hokmome: 'aiming for ...f3-f2. '

[Not 34...e2 Mon Hokmome 35.Ra1∓]

35.Qxe4 Bxe4 36.Bxc4 -4.55/27

[⌓36.Bd2 -3.21/25 Mon Hokmome exd2 37.g4]

36...bxc4 37.Bf2 exf2 38.Rgf1 g4 39.Rxf2 Be3 Mon Hokmome: 'This bishop pair is nice.' **40.Re1 Bxf2 41.Rxe4** Mon Hokmome: '

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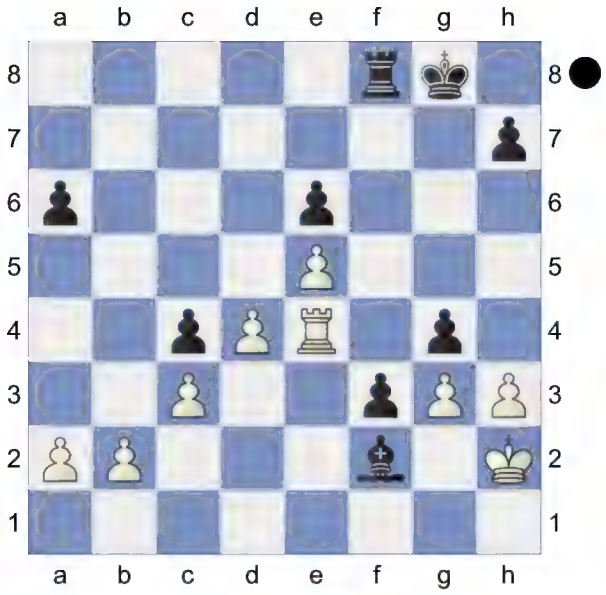
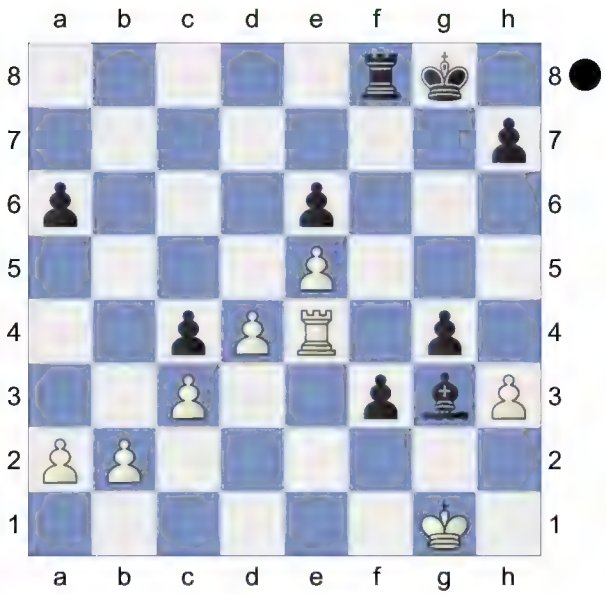


' **41...Bxg3+!** Mon Hokmome: 'KRB-KR' **42.Kg1** Mon Hokmome: '
[42.Kxg3 Mon Hokmome f2]



' **42...Bh2+** Mon Hokmome: '!' **43.Kf1**
[43.Kxh2 Mon Hokmome g3+]
43...g3 44.Rg4+ Kh8 45.b3 g2+ -14.83/21
[⌓45...Rg8 -#10/19 Mon Hokmome 46.Ke1 g2 47.Kd2 Rxg4 48.Kc2

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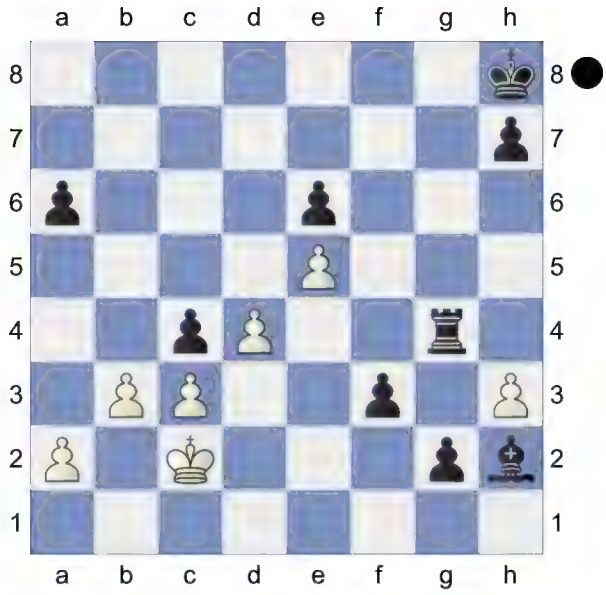


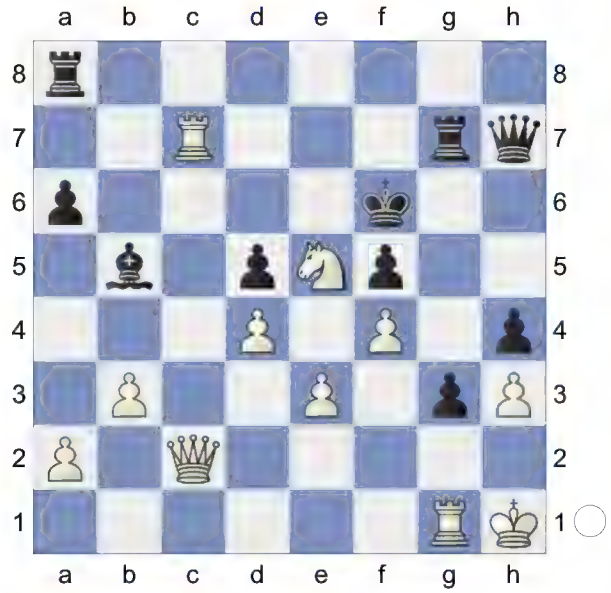
g1Q! 49.Kb2 Qa1+!! 50.Ka3 Qxc3! 51.hxg4 a5 52.g5 cxb3 53.g6 b2+ 54.Ka4 Qb4#]
46.Kf2 Mon Hokmome: '

' **46...Bg1+** Mon Hokmome: '!' Mon Hokmome: 'Weighted Error Value: White=0.49/Black=0.29 (precise)'
0-1

132 **A03**
□ **Bird,Henry**
■ **Benima,Levi**
Gouda 08.1880
[Kitty Kat]

A03: Bird's Opening with 1...d5 After gaining first prize and the master title, the 20-year-old Emanuel also received his first invitation to an international tournament - Amsterdam 1889: 1. Burn - 7 out of 8; 2. Lasker - 6; 3. Mason - 5½; 4. Van Vliet - 5; 5. Gunsberg - 4; 6. Bauer - 3½ etc. Here he had the good fortune to carry out a brilliant combination, which became a classic example of the destructive double bishop sacrifice. **1.f4 d5 2.e3 f5N**
[2...Nf6 3.b3 e6 4.Bb2 Be7 5.Bd3 b6 6.Nc3 Bb7 7.Nf3 Nbd7 8.0-0 0-0 9.Ne2 c5 10.Ng3 Qc7 11.Ne5 Nxe5 12.Bxe5 Qc6 13.Qe2 a6 14.Nh5 Nxh5 15.Bxh7+ Kxh7 16.Qxh5+ Kg8 17.Bxg7 Lasker-Bauer #4864 Chess: 5334 Problems, Combination 1889 Kxg7 18.Qg4+ Kh7 19.Rf3 e5 20.Rh3+ Qh6 21.Rxh6+ Kxh6 22.Qd7 Bf6 23.Qxb7 Kg7 24.Rf1 Rab8 25.Qd7 Rfd8 26.Qg4+ Kf8 27.fxe5 Bg7 28.e6 Rb7 29.Qg6 f6 30.Rxf6+ Bxf6 31.Qxf6+ Ke8 32.Qh8+ Part 2 Chapter 1-Game 4 Game 4 (38) Ke7 33.Qg7+ Kxe6 34.Qxb7 Rd6 35.Qxa6 d4 36.exd4 cxd4 37.h4 d3 38.Qxd3 Emanuel the Second-Game #36: Lasker,E (38)]
[2...g6 3.Nf3 Bg7 4.Be2 Nh6 5.0-0 0-0 6.Qe1 Nd7 7.Nc3 c6 8.d3 Nf5 9.g4 Nd6 10.Qg3 Re8 11.Ne5 f5 12.h3 Nxe5 13.fxe5 Nf7 14.d4 Be6 15.g5 Nh8 16.Bf3 Bf7 17.Ne2 Ilipartanen,J (2240)-5.Bc6 dc6 6.h3 Be6 (2197) Game 1 2009 CBM 12 [Dragan Solak] 1-0 (35)]
3.Nf3 Nf6 4.b3 c5 5.Bb2 Nc6 6.Bb5 a6 1.09/21
[6...Bd7= 0.05/21]
7.Bxc6+± bxc6 8.0-0 White is better.
8...e6 9.Qe1 0.57/21
[9.Nc3± 0.94/18]
9...Be7 0.99/20
[9...a5± 0.57/21 is superior.]
10.Nc3 0-0 1.04/20
[10...a5!± 0.69/20]
11.Na4 Nd7 12.Rd1 0.98/18
&Bianco is more active.
[⌓12.Ne5 1.29/20]
12...Bf6 1.41/22
[⌓12...a5 0.98/18]
13.d4 0.70/22
[13.Bxf6± 1.41/22 gxf6 14.d4]
13...Qe7 1.86/22
[13...c4± 0.70/22]
14.Ba3+- Re8 15.Nxc5 1.54/22
[15.Ne5+- 1.98/21]
15...Nxc5 1.94/20
[15...a5± 1.54/22 16.Rf2 a4]
16.Bxc5 Qf7 17.Rf2 Bd7 18.h3 Qh5 19.Rfd2 h6 20.Bd6 Be7 3.12/24
[⌓20...Red8 1.80/21 21.c4 Be8]
21.Be5 1.64/21
[⌓21.Bxe7 3.12/24 Rxe7 22.Ne5]
21...g5 22.Nh2 1.37/21
[22.Qg3+- 1.87/18]
22...Bb4 23.Qe2 Qg6 24.Rd3 Kf7 1.79/19
[24...Be7± 1.37/17 25.Nf3 g4]
25.c3 Be7 26.Kh1 1.06/23
[26.Bc7+- 1.73/21]
26...Rg8± 27.g4 Bf6 1.34/15
[Black should try 27...fxg4 1.02/20 28.hxg4 Raf8]
28.Bxf6 Kxf6 29.Nf3 1.19/21
[⌓29.Rg1 1.60/20]
29...Be8 2.25/19
[29...fxg4± 1.19/21 30.hxg4 Qe4]

30.Ne5+- Qh7 31.c4 h5 2.87/21
[31...Kg7 1.93/19 was worth a try. 32.R3d2 Bg6]
32.gxf5 Really sharp! **32...exf5** 3.93/22
[⌓32...Qxf5 2.46/19 33.Kh2 g4]
33.Qf2 aiming for f4xg5+. **33...h4**
34.Rg1 g4 35.cxd5
[35.hxg4 fxg4 36.Rxg4 Rxg4 37.Nxg4+ Ke6]
35...cxd5 36.Rc3 Against Ra8-c8
[Don't play 36.hxg4 fxg4 37.Rxg4 Rxg4 38.Nxg4+ Ke7+-]
[Much less strong is 36.Qg2 Bb5+-]
36...Bb5? 6.41/22
[36...g3 2.88/21 37.Qg2 Rd8]
37.Qc2 g3 9.37/23
[⌓37...Ra7 5.00/21 38.hxg4 fxg4 39.Nxg4+ Rxg4]
38.Rc1 4.15/23
[Not 38.Rc6+ Bxc6 39.Qxc6+ Kg7±]
[⌓38.Rc7 9.37/23 Rg7



39.Rc6+! Ke7 40.Qc5+ Ke8 41.a4 Bxc6 42.Qxc6+ Ke7 43.Qxa8]
38...Qh5 11.90/25
[⌓38...Ra7 4.15/23 39.Rc8 Re8]
39.Rc7

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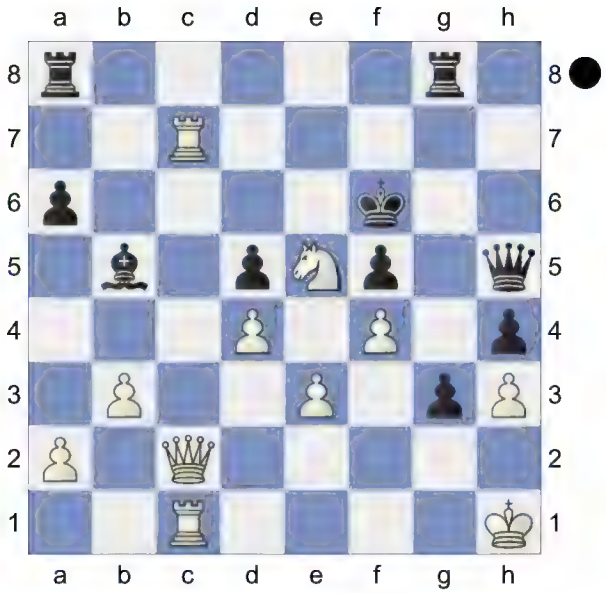


White threatens Qc2-c6+! and mate.
39...Bc4 40.bxc4 White mates. **40...g2+ 41.Kg1 Rac8 42.cxd5** Weighted Error Value: White=0.41/Black=0.74
1-0

133 **A02**
□ **Bird,Henry**
■ **Blackburne,Joseph**
Vienna AUT (1) 1873
[Kitty Kat]

A02: Bird's Opening **1.f4 e6 2.Nf3 b6**
[2...d5 3.e4 dxe4 4.Ng5 Nf6 5.Nc3 Bc5 6.Ncxe4 Nxe4 7.Nxe4 Bb6 8.c3 Nc6 9.d4 0-0 10.Bd3 f5 11.Ng5 h6 12.Nf3 a6 13.Be3 Ba7 14.0-0 b5 15.b4 Bb7 16.a4 bxa4 17.Rxa4 Richter,F (1770)-Gilbert,R (1738) ICCF 2022 Kommentierte Partien2024 [Bellmann,Herbert] 1-0 (31)]
[2...f5 3.b3 Nf6 4.Bb2 Be7 5.e3 c5 6.Nc3 Nc6 7.Bb5 Qc7 8.0-0 d5 9.Qe2 Bd7 10.Bxc6 Bxc6 11.Nd1 0-0 12.Nf2 Nd7 13.Nh3 Bf6 14.d4 Rfe8 15.Ne5 cxd4 16.exd4 Nxe5 17.fxe5 Bird,H-Lange,M Nuremberg

1883 Bird-Defence [Oleinikov] 1-0 (40)]

3.b3N

[3.e3 Bb7 4.Nc3 *(4.b3 Be7 5.Bb2 Bf6 6.Ne5 Nh6 7.Nc3 0-0 8.Rg1 Bxe5 9.fxe5 Qh4+ 10.g3 Qxh2 11.e4 Qxg1 12.Qf3 Qc5 13.0-0-0 Qxe5 14.Nd5 Qd6 15.Nf6+ Kh8 16.Bd3 Qe7 17.Rh1 e5 18.Rxh6 gxh6* Carr,T (1558)-Schoneberg,G (1365) Gausdal 2000 CCYB 4 [Dragan Solak] 1-0*)* 4...d5 5.d4 Nf6 6.a3 Be7 7.Bd3 Nbd7 8.0-0 Ne4 9.Ne5 0-0 10.Nxe4 dxe4 11.Be2 Nxe5 12.fxe5 Rc8 13.c3 Qd7 14.Bd2 c5 15.Rf4 Bg5 16.Rg4 Bh6 17.Rg3 f5 Qxd4 Side Lines-6.0-0 a5 7. Re1 0-0 8.Nbd2 - P Game 9 1883 Mega2023 Update 22 [Glatman] 0-1 (51)]

[3.g3 d5 4.Bg2 Bb7 5.0-0 Nd7 6.d3 Bc5+ 7.e3 h5 8.Qe1 Nh6 9.b4 Be7 10.Bb2 Bf6 11.Bxf6 Nxf6 12.Nbd2 Qe7 13.Nb3 Nf5 14.a4 h4 15.Nxh4 Nxh4 16.gxh4 Ng4 17.h3 Nh6 Philippe,C (2409)-Neagos,R (2074) Aix les Bains 2011 CBM 142 Extra [ChessBase II] 1-0]

3...Nf6 4.Bb2 Be7 5.c3 Bb7 6.e3 0-0 7.Na3 c5 8.Be2 Black is slightly better. **8...d5 9.0-0 Nc6 10.Nc2 Ne8 11.Qe1 Nd6 12.Rd1 a5** -0.11/18

[12...b5∓ -0.48/18]

13.Qg3 -0.82/21

[13.a4!= -0.11/18]

13...a4∓ 14.Bd3 -1.80/21

[14.b4∓ -0.77/20]

14...Ne4 -1.21/20

[14...axb3-+ -1.80/21 15.Qh3 g6 16.axb3 c4 17.bxc4 dxc4]

15.Bxe4 -2.30/23

[15.Qe1∓ -1.21/20 was worth a try.]

15...dxe4-+ 16.c4 f6 17.Nfe1 axb3 18.axb3 Ra2 19.Bc3 Rf7 -1.07/21

[Black should try 19...b5 -1.46/23 Threatens to win with ...b5-b4. 20.cxb5 Na7]

20.d4∓ f5 21.d5 -1.82/24

[21.Qh3∓ -1.11/21]

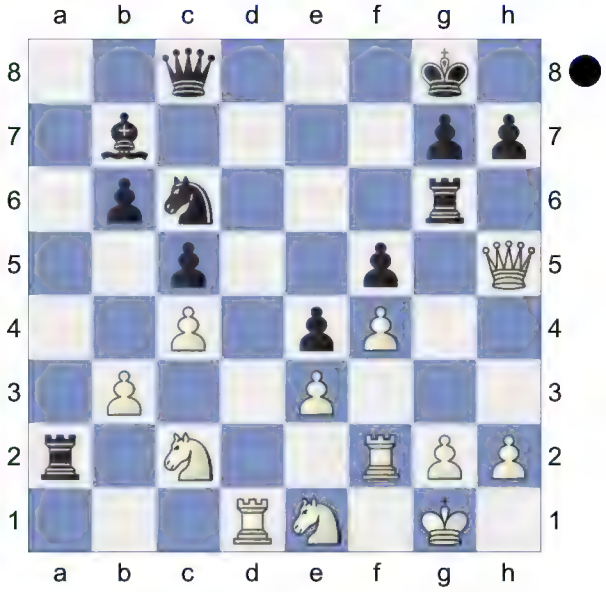
21...exd5-+ 22.Rxd5 Qc8 Hoping for ... Nc6-a5. **23.Rd1 Bf6** -1.03/24

[⌓23...Ba6 -1.56/21 24.Ra1 Rxa1 25.Nxa1 Qe6]

24.Bxf6∓ Rxf6 25.Rf2 Rg6 26.Qh4!= 0.01/21 remains equal. **26...Rh6↑** Black has the initiative. **27.Qg5=** 0.01/26 Black must now prevent Rf2-d2. **27...Rg6** 0.01/21

[Better is 27...Qf8!∓ -0.68/20]

28.Qh5 -0.91/19



Rh6 0.01/26

[28...Rb2!∓ -0.91/19 29.Rfd2 Ba6]

29.Qe2 -1.22/22

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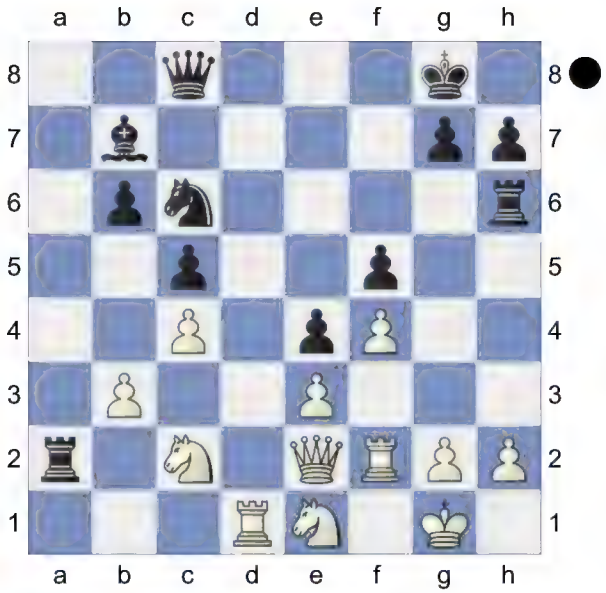


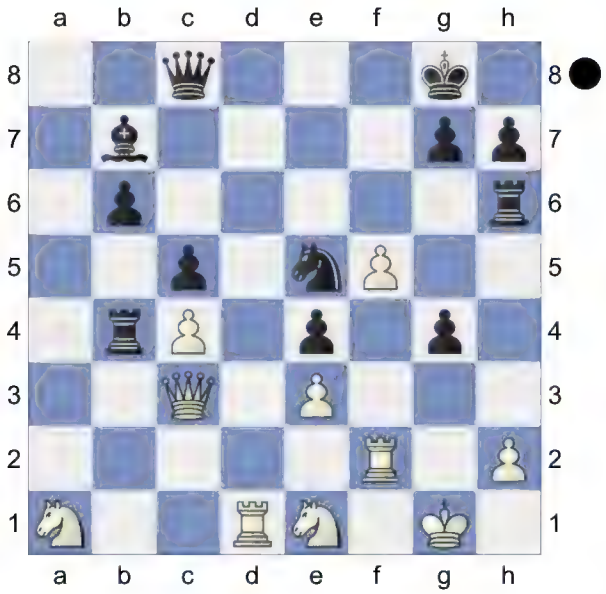
Rb2! 30.Qd2 Rxb3 &Nero is more active. **31.g4** -2.67/22 White does not recover from this.

[31.Na1∓ -1.20/24 Ra3 32.Qb2]

31...fxg4-+ 32.f5? -5.08/24

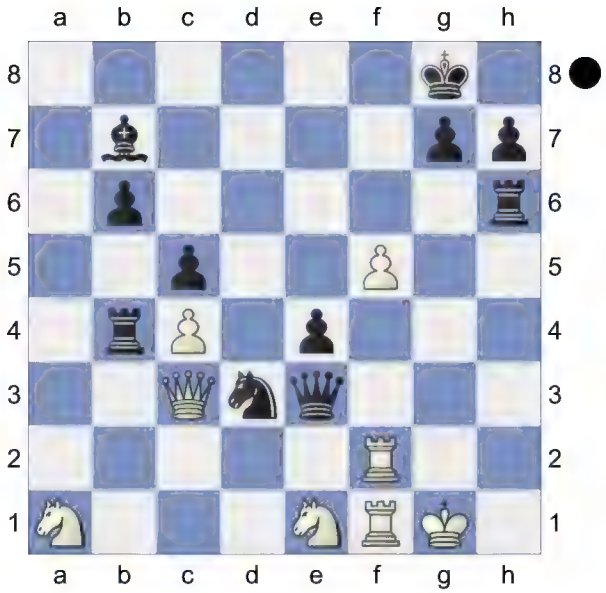
[32.Na1 -2.45/23 Rb4 33.Qd5+ Qe6 34.Ra2]

32...Ne5 33.Na1 Rb4 34.Qc3



g3! 35.hxg3 Nd3 36.Rf1 Qc7 37.Rd2 Qxg3+ 38.Rg2 Qxe3+ 39.Rgf2

(Diagram)



Rh1+!! -13.25/5 Weighted Error Value: White=0.86/Black=0.29 (precise)

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134 **A03**

□ **Bird,Henry**

■ **Lipschuetz,Samuel**

06.Congress New York, NY USA (33)

[Kitty Kat]

A03: Bird's Opening with 1...d5 **1.f4 d5 2.e3 e6 3.Nf3 Nf6 4.b3 c5 5.Bb2 Be7 6.Nc3**

[6.Bb5+ Bd7 7.Be2 0-0 8.0-0 b5 9.Ne5 a5 10.Rf3 Ne4 11.Rh3 f6 12.Nxd7 Qxd7 13.a4 b4 14.Bb5 Qc8 15.Qh5 h6 16.Qg6 Kh8 17.d3 Nd6 18.Nd2 Nxb5 19.Rf1 Nd6 20.Rxh6+ gxh6 Helmert,J-Motyka,M (2300) 54: Leon (rapid) 1965 200 Traps In The Opening [Game 109] 1-0]

[6.Be2 0-0 7.0-0 Nc6 8.Ne5 Qb6 9.Nxc6 Qxc6 10.d3 b5 11.c4 a6 12.Nd2 Bb7 13.Bf3 Qb6 14.e4 dxc4 15.dxc4 Rfd8 16.Qe2 Rd7 17.e5 Rad8 18.Bc1 Ne8 19.Bxb7 Qxb7

20.Nf3 g6 Krafzik,J (2119)-Thielemann,J (2060) Rheda-Wiedenbr ? ck 2001 EXT 2002 [ChessBase II] 1-0 (78)]

6...a6N

[6...Nc6 7.Bb5 0-0 8.Bxc6 bxc6 9.0-0 Qc7 10.Qe1 Ba6 11.d3 Rab8 12.Qg3 Ne8 13.Ne5 f6 14.Ng4 c4 15.dxc4 Bxc4 16.Rf3 Ba6 17.Qh3 f5 18.Ne5 Nf6 19.Rg3 Bd6 20.Qh6 Rb7 21.Na4 Qxd4 Side Lines-9.♕b3 c5 10.dxc5 ♗b7 Game - 1 1885 EXT 2016 [Ujtelky,Maximilian] 1-0 (44) Bb5 22.Nd7 Qxd7 23.Bxf6 Rf7 24.Bc3 Bxa4 25.bxa4 c5 26.Rf1 Bf8 27.Be5 g6 28.Rxg6+ Bg7 29.Bxg7 Rxg7 30.Rxg7+ Qxg7 31.Qxe6+ Qf7 32.Qc8+ Kg7 33.Qxc5 Qe6 34.Rd1 Rd7 35.Qd4+ Kg6 36.c4 Bird,H-Minckwitz,J Hamburgo 1885 Bird-Defence [Standard] 1-0 (44)]

7.Bd3 b5 8.0-0 Qc7 The position is equal. **9.Qe1 Nc6 10.a4 Nb4 11.Rc1 Nxd3 12.cxd3 Qb6**

[12...Bd7 looks sharper. 13.Qg3 0-0 14.Ne5 Rfb8]

13.axb5 axb5 14.Qg3 0-0 15.Nd1 -0.88/20

[15.b4∓ -0.50/20 cxb4 16.Ne2]

15...Rd8 -0.25/21

[15...Ne8∓ -0.88/20]

16.Ne5 Ne8 17.Nf2 -1.03/23

[17.b4!∓ -0.53/20]

17...Ra2 -0.01/22

[17...f6!∓ -1.03/23 next ...Ra8-a2 is good for Black. 18.Nf3 Ra2]

18.Rb1 -1.29/21

[18.Rc2!= -0.01/22]

18...f6∓ 19.Nfg4 Nd6!

[19...fxe5 20.Nh6+ Kh8 21.Nf7+ Kg8 22.Nh6+ Kh8= 23.Nf7+ Kg8 24.fxe5± *(24.Nh6+ Kh8=)*]

20.Nf3 Nf5 21.Qh3 b4 22.e4 -1.76/22

[22.Rfe1∓ -1.45/21 keeps fighting.]

22...Nd4 -0.54/22

[22...dxe4-+ -1.76/22 23.dxe4 Ba6!]

23.Bxd4∓ cxd4 24.e5 e5xf6 is the strong threat. **24...f5 25.Nf2 Bd7 26.g4 Rf8 27.Kh1 Be8 28.Rg1 Bg6 29.gxf5** -1.09/24

[29.Rbc1∓ -0.63/22]

29...Rxf5 -0.50/24

[29...Bxf5∓ -1.09/24 30.Qg2 g6]

30.Qg3 -0.96/24

[30.Rxg6!∓ -0.50/24 hxg6 31.Rg1]

30...Ra8∓ 31.Nh3 Raf8? 1.13/25

[31...Rf7∓ -1.00/23 keeps the pressure on. 32.Rbc1 Bf5]

32.Nfg5!± Bxg5 33.Nxg5 Rxg5 1.28/25

34.Qxg5 Qa6

35.Rg3 Qa7 1.85/25

[35...Qc8± 1.49/24 36.Ra1 Rf7]

36.Rbg1 Qf7 37.Qg4 Ra8 1.77/25

[37...Kh8± 1.41/23 38.Ra1 Kg8]

38.h4+- Black must now prevent h4-h5!

38...Ra7 39.Qg5 Qe8 40.Kh2 Qd7? 3.07/26

[40...Kf8± 1.53/25 might work better. 41.f5 Bxf5]

41.h5 Bf5 42.Qf6 Qf7 6.65/28

[42...h6 3.62/31 43.Rxg7+ Qxg7

44.Rxg7+ Rxg7 45.Qxh6 Rh7 46.Qg5+ Rg7 47.Qd8+ Kh7]

43.Rxg7+ Qxg7 44.Qd8+→ 2.60/5 White attacks with force.

[⌓44.Rxg7+ 5.75/31 Rxg7 45.Qd8+ Kf7 46.Qc7+ Kf8 47.Qc8+ Kf7 48.Qb7+ Kg8 49.Qxb4]

44...Kf7 aiming for ...Qg7-f8. **45.Rxg7+ Kxg7** Endgame KQ-KRB **46.h6+ Kf7 47.Qb6** White is clearly winning. **47...Re7** 6.90/26

[⌓47...Ra2 4.34/25 48.Qxb4 Rb2]

48.Qxd4 Rb7 49.Qg1 And now Qg1-g7+ would win. **49...Ke8 50.Qc5** Hoping for Qc5-c8+. **50...Kd7** Against Qc5-c8+ **51.Kg3 Rb8 52.Qd6+ Kc8 53.Kf2 Rb7 54.Ke3** White used his chance. Weighted Error Value: White=0.30/Black=0.43

1-0

135 **A02**

□ **Bird,Henry**

■ **Judd,Max**

06.Congress New York, NY USA (7)

[Kitty Kat]

A03: Bird's Opening with 1...d5 **1.f4 c5 2.e3 e6 3.Nf3 Nf6 4.b3 d5 5.Bb2 Be7 6.Be2 Nc6 7.0-0 0-0 8.Qe1 Ne4 9.d3 Bf6 10.Ne5 Nd6** White is slightly better. **11.Nd2**

[11.Nxc6 bxc6 12.Bxf6 Qxf6 13.Nd2 Nf5 14.Bg4 Nh6 15.Bh3 e5 16.Bxc8 Raxc8 17.Qg3 exf4 18.Qxf4 Qc3 19.Nf3 Qxc2 20.Rfd1 Qb2 21.h3 Rce8 22.e4 Re6 23.e5 f6 24.exf6 Rfxf6 25.Qd2 Re2 Novoselski,Z (2324)-Aung,T (2268) Chess.com INT 2021 1-0 (35)]

11...Bxe5N

[11...Nf5 12.Bd1 Bxe5 13.fxe5 b6 14.e4 Nfe7 15.Bh5 Ng6 16.Bxg6 fxg6 17.Qg3 Bb7 18.exd5 exd5 19.Nf3 Ne7 20.Nh4 Qd7 21.Rae1 Rxf1+ 22.Rxf1 d4 23.Bc1 Re8 24.e6 Qxe6 25.Re1 Qd7 26.Qe5 Jillek,W (1887)-Habermann,H (1776) Mittelfranken 2008 ½-½ (50)]

[11...Nb4 12.Bd1 Nc6 13.Ndf3 Be7 14.Nxc6 bxc6 15.Ne5 Qe8 16.c4 f6 17.Nf3 Qg6 18.Qe2 Rb8 19.Bc2 Qf7 20.Rab1 Bd7 21.Qe1 Bd8 22.Ba3 Bb6 23.e4 Nb7 24.Qh4 h6 25.e5 f5 26.Bc1 Hrdina,R (2106)-Fric,P (2038) Czech Republic 2015 1-0 (66)]

12.fxe5 Nf5 13.Bg4 Nce7 0.68/19

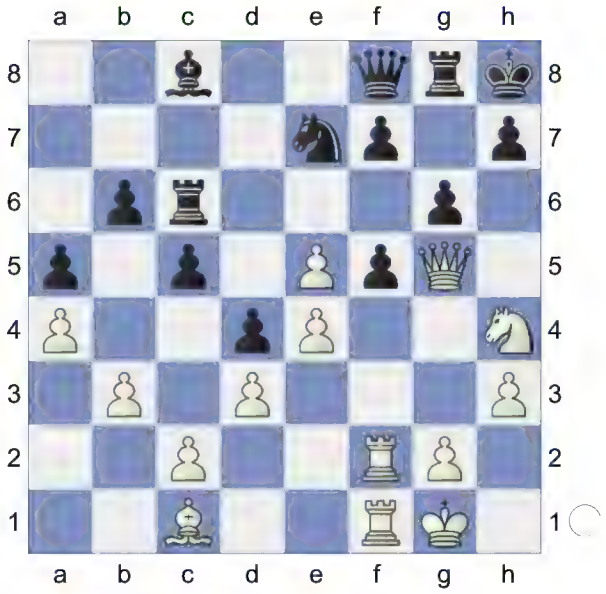
[13...Nb4= 0.26/18]

14.Bxf5 exf5 15.Nf3 Be6 16.a4 a5 17.Nh4 Rc8 18.Rd1 b6 19.Qg3 Kh8 0.34/20

[19...Qd7= 0.01/19]

20.Rd2 Rc6 21.Rdf2 Rg8 22.Qg5 Qf8 23.h3 g6 24.e4 d4 25.Bc1 Qg5-f6+ is the strong threat. &Bianco is more active. **25...Bc8** 1.67/23

[Better is 25...Rg7± 0.64/21]



26.Qg3 0.67/22

[Don't do 26.exf5?! Nxf5 27.Qf4 *(27.Nxf5 gxf5 28.Qh4 Rcg6=)* 27...h6±]
[White should try 26.Nf3!+- 1.67/23]
26...h6!± 27.Qh2 0.20/20
[27.Nf3± 0.59/21 might be stronger. g5 28.exf5]
27...Be6 0.56/23
[27...Qg7= 0.20/20]
28.Kh1 Kh7 29.g4 0.01/20
[29.Nf3!± 0.47/21]
29...fxe4= 30.dxe4 c4 1.32/21
[30...Qg7= -0.01/19 keeps the balance.]
31.Rf3? -0.65/20
[31.Nf3± 1.32/21]
31...cxb3∓ 32.cxb3 Rc3 -0.01/19
[32...g5∓ -0.67/22 33.Nf5 Nxf5 34.gxf5 Bc8]
33.Qd2=

Black must now prevent Rf3xf7+!
33...Rxf3 34.Nxf3 Bxb3? 2.90/22
A mistake that costs the game.
[34...Nc6!= -0.18/22 and Black has nothing to worry.]
35.Nxd4+- Bc4 36.Rf6 Qg7 37.e6
[37.Rxb6 Rc8±]
37...g5? 12.89/24
[37...Rf8 2.11/25 38.e5 *(38.exf7 Rxf7 39.Rxf7 Bxf7±)* 38...fxe6]
38.Rxf7 Qxf7 39.exf7 Bxf7 40.Nf5 Ng6 41.Qd4 17.22/21
[⌓41.Qd7 #8/22 Rf8 42.Ba3 Ne5 43.Qd6 Bg6 44.Qxf8 Bxf5 45.exf5 Nd7 46.Qf7+ Kh8 47.Bb2+ Nf6 48.Bxf6#]
41...Bb3 42.Qd7+ Weighted Error Value: White=0.33/Black=0.80
1-0

136 **A03**
□ **Bird,Henry Edward**
■ **Kee**
British Chess Associ 1892
[Kitty Kat]

A03: Bird's Opening with 1...d5 **1.f4 d5 2.e3 g6 3.Nf3 Bg7 4.d4 Nd7 5.c4**
[5.Bd3 Nh6 *(5...Ngf6 6.0-0 Ne4 7.c4 c6 8.Nc3 Ndf6 9.Ne5 0-0 10.h3 Bf5 11.Ne2 h5 12.b3 Rc8 13.Bb2 e6 14.Rc1 h4 15.Qe1 Nh5 16.Bxe4 Bxe4 17.Nf3 Bf6 18.Qf2 Bd3 19.Rfd1 Bxe2 20.Qxe2* Mihajlov,S (2375)-Doluhanova,E (2288) Chess.com INT 2022 1-0 (52)*)* 6.0-0 Nf6 7.Nbd2 Nf5 8.Qe2 Ng4 9.Nb3 0-0 10.c3 Nd6 11.Ne5 Nf6 12.Nd2 Bf5 13.Bxf5 Nxf5 14.Nd3 Nd6 15.Nf2 Rc8 16.e4 dxe4 17.Nfxe4 Qd7 18.Nc5 Qc6 19.a4 e6 Tsoi,D (2321)-Savchenko,B (2577) Moscow 2019 1-0 (43)]
5...e6 6.Nc3N
[6.Nbd2 c5 7.Ne5 cxd4 8.exd4 Ngf6 9.c5 0-0 10.b4 Nh5 11.g3 f6 12.Nef3 f5 13.Bd3 a5 14.Ba3 Ndf6 15.Ne5 Ne4 16.Ndf3 Re8 17.b5 a4 18.0-0 Bf8 19.Rc1 b6 20.Nc6 Qf6 Klicker,F (2008)-Radtke,E (1986)

Voelklingen 2012 1-0 (31)]
[6.c5 c6 7.Nc3 b6 8.cxb6 axb6 9.Bd2 Ngf6 10.Ne5 Bb7 11.Bd3 0-0 12.Qe2 b5 13.b3 Qe7 14.0-0 Rfc8 15.g4 Nxe5 16.fxe5 Nd7 17.a4 bxa4 18.Nxa4 f6 19.exf6 Bxf6 20.Rac1 e5 Kanev,V-Chesnokov,G (2046) Syktyvkar 2007 1-0 (52)]

6...Ngf6 7.b3 0-0 8.Bd3 The position is equal. **8...b6 9.0-0 Bb7 10.a4** -0.19/18
[⩲10.Bb2 0.13/17]

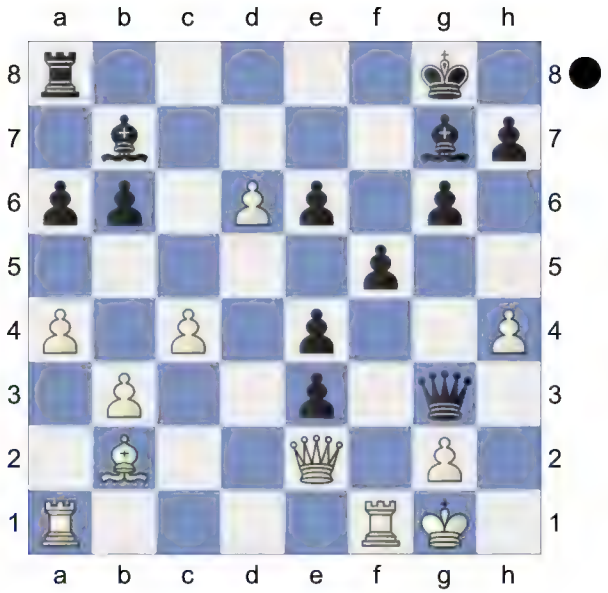
10...c5= 11.Ne5 Ne4 12.Bxe4 dxe4 13.Ba3 Nxe5 14.fxe5 Qg5 15.Qe2 Rfd8 16.Nb5 a6 17.Nd6 Rxd6 18.exd6 cxd4 19.Qf2 -0.75/20
[19.Bb2± 0.61/20 stays ahead.]

19...f5↑ Black is really pushing. **20.h4** -1.38/20
[⩲20.exd4 -0.73/21 e3 21.Qg3 *(21.Qb2? Bxd4 22.Qe2 Bxa1-+)* 21...Qxg3 22.hxg3]

20...dxe3? 0.26/21 **21.Qe2?** -1.83/21
[21.hxg5= 0.26/21 exf2+ 22.Kxf2 Bd4+ 23.Ke2]

21...Qg3-+ And now ...Bg7-e5 would win. **22.Bb2** -2.79/20
[22.Qe1 -1.70/22 is a better defense. Be5 23.Qxg3 Bxg3 24.Ra2]

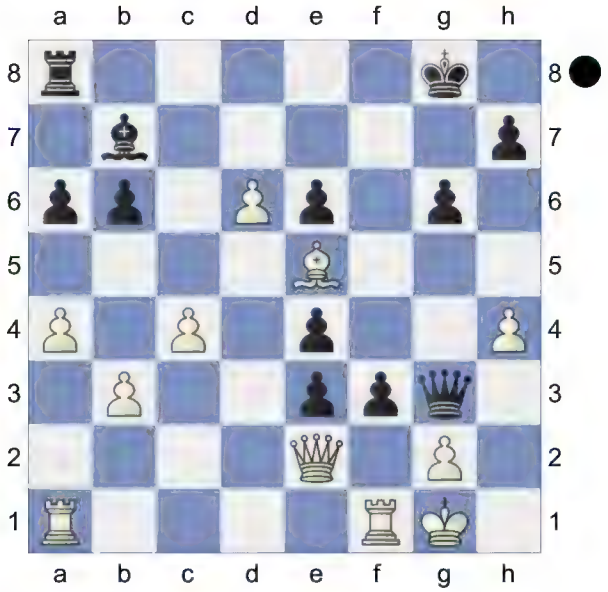
(Diagram)



22...f4! Hoping for ...f4-f3.
[22...Qxd6 23.Bxg7 Kxg7 24.Qxe3= *(24.Rad1 Qc7∓)*]
[22...Bxb2 23.Qxb2 Rd8 24.Qf6 Rxd6 25.Ra2∓]

23.Bxg7 f3 Discovered Attack
[Much less strong is 23...Kxg7 24.Qb2+ Kh6 25.Qe5±]

24.Be5!



Qg4
[Not 24...fxe2 25.Bxg3 exf1N 26.Kxf1±]
[Less strong is 24...Qxe5 25.Qxe3

Qxd6 26.Rad1±]
25.Qb2 e2 26.Rf2 e3 Chess con chili. **27.Bh8 exf2+ 28.Kxf2 Qxh4+ 29.g3 Qh2+ 30.Ke3 Qh6+ 31.Kd3** -5.46/23
[31.Kf2 -3.58/22 was the only chance. Rd8 32.Qe5]
31...Qf8 Black is clearly winning. **32.Be5 Qf5+ 33.Ke3 Qe4+** -3.16/18 Weighted Error Value: White=0.51/ Black=0.14 (very precise)
[⌓33...Rf8 -6.90/20 34.Kf2 Qh3]
0-1

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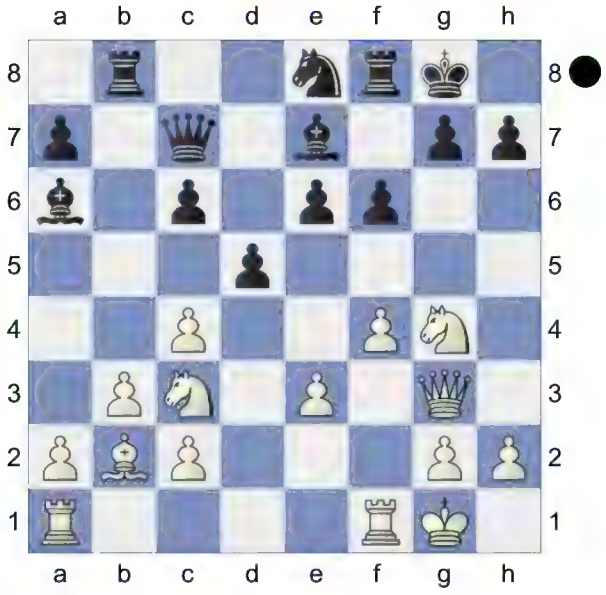
□ **Bird,Henry Edward**
■ **Taubenhaus,Jean**
07.17 R06 GER Hambur 1885
[Kitty Kat]

A03: Bird's Opening with 1...d5 **1.f4 d5 2.e3 e6 3.Nf3 Nf6 4.b3 Be7 5.Bb2 c5 6.Nc3 Nc6 7.Bb5 0-0**
[7...Bd7 8.0-0 0-0 9.a3 a6 10.Bd3 b5 11.Ne2 c4 12.bxc4 bxc4 13.Bxh7+ Nxh7 14.Ng3 Bf6 15.Bxf6 Qxf6 16.Nh5 Qe7 17.Ne5 Nxe5 18.fxe5 Qg5 19.Rb1 Rab8 20.Qf3 Rxb1 21.Rxb1 Qxe5 22.Qg4 Schwenke,N (1576)-Schulz,G (1795) Binz 2017 0-1 (35)]
8.Bxc6 bxc6 9.0-0 Qc7
[9...Ba6 10.Ne2 c4 11.bxc4 Bxc4 12.Ne5 Bxe2 13.Qxe2 Qc7 14.Ng4 Nd7 15.Rf3 f6 16.Rg3 Kh8 17.Rh3 Rfb8 18.Bc3 Bb4 19.Bxb4 Rxb4 20.c3 Rb2 21.Qf2 Rab8 22.Qh4 Nf8 23.Rg3 Qf7 24.Rf1 Ohnmacht,R (1979)-Behm,S (2243) Ditzingen 2006 0-1]
10.Qe1N
[10.Na4 Ba6 11.d3 Bb5 12.Be5 Qd7 13.Nb2 a5 14.c4 Ba6 15.Na4 Rfd8 16.Nb6 Qb7 17.Nxa8 Qxa8 18.Qe2 Qb7 19.Rab1 Qd7 20.Rfd1 h6 21.Bc3 Ra8 22.Qe1 Qa7 23.Bxa5 Bxc4 24.bxc4 Qxa5 Brkic,M (2143)-Hadzialic,B (1702) Sarajevo 2011 1-0]
[10.Ne2 Ba6 11.d3 Rfd8 12.Qe1 c4 13.dxc4 dxc4 14.Ne5 Nd5 15.Rf3 cxb3 16.axb3 Bxe2 17.Qxe2 Bf6 18.g4 Bxe5 19.Bxe5 Qe7 20.g5 Rd7 21.Qc4 c5 22.Ra5 Rc8 23.e4 Nb6 24.Qe2 c4 Smith,E-Grossman,J Flint 1992 ½-½ (51)]
10...Ba6 11.d3 Rab8 0.34/18
[11...c4= -0.15/21]
12.Qg3 -0.01/13
[12.Na4± 0.34/18]
12...Ne8 0.64/17
[Better is 12...c4!= -0.01/13]
13.Ne5 -0.06/20 &Bianco is more active.
[White should try 13.Na4± 0.64/17]
13...f6= 14.Ng4 -0.32/17
[14.Nf3= 0.01/18 might be stronger.]
14...c4∓ 15.dxc4



Bxc4! 16.Rf3
[16.Rfe1 Ba6]

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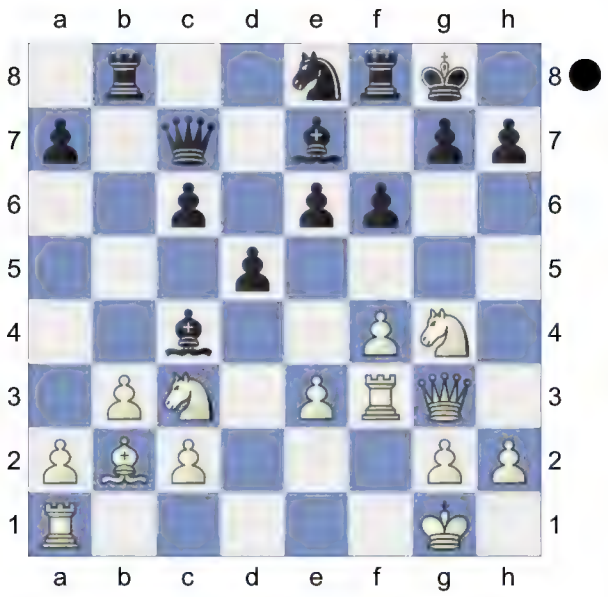

16...Ba6! 17.Qh3 f5 Against e3-e4 **18.Ne5 Nf6 19.Rg3 Bd6 20.Qh6 Rb7** -0.01/21

[20...Rbe8∓ -0.40/22 feels stronger.]

21.Na4 -0.42/22

[21.Nd1!= -0.01/21]

21...Bb5↑ Hoping for ...Bb5xa4. Black has good play. **22.Nd7** -0.92/24 **Qxd7∓ 23.Bxf6 Rf7** Threatens to win with ... Kg8-f8. **24.Bc3** -1.34/23

[White should play 24.Bd4 -0.93/23]

24...Bxa4 25.bxa4 c5 26.Rf1 And now Bc3xg7! would win. **26...Bf8 27.Be5 g6?** 2.79/24

[And not 27...Qxa4 28.Qxe6 Qd7 29.Qa6∓]

[27...Re7∓ -1.22/22 28.a5 g6]

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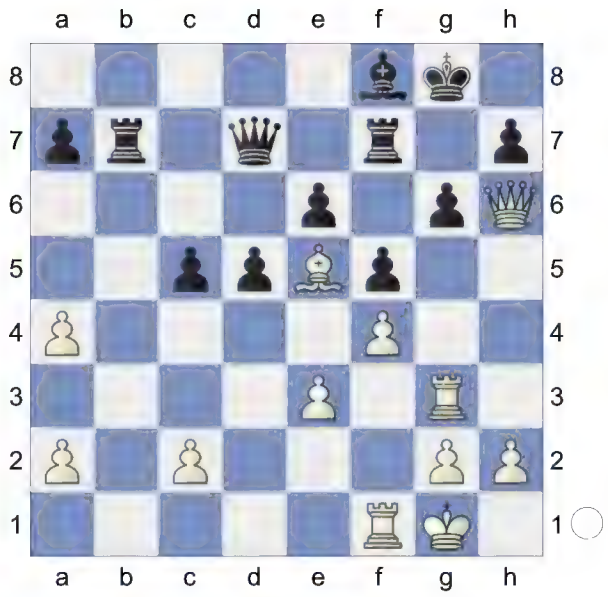
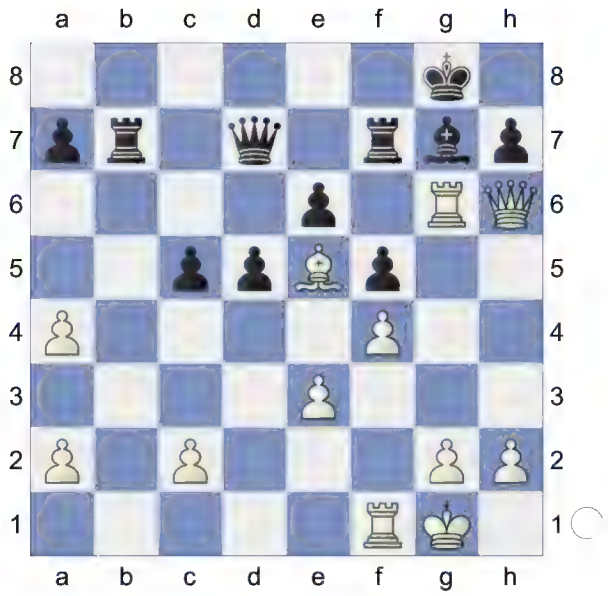


This costs Black the game. **28.Rxg6+!+- Bg7**

[28...Rg7 29.Bxg7]



29.Bxg7! Rxg7 30.Rxg7+

[Not 30.Rxe6 Rb2 31.Rc1 Rxa2+-]

30...Qxg7 31.Qxe6+ Endgame KQR-KQR **31...Qf7 32.Qc8+ Kg7 33.Qxc5 Qe6 34.Rd1 Rd7 35.Qd4+ Kg6 36.c4 Qd6** 4.55/21

[⌓36...Re7 2.94/18 37.cxd5 Qxe3+ 38.Qxe3 Rxe3]

37.cxd5 Qa3 8.21/22

[⌓37...Qf6 4.48/20 38.Qd3 Kg7]
38.d6 Strongly threatening e3-e4.
38...Qxa2 39.e4 aiming for Qd4-e5.
39...fxe4 40.Qxe4+ White mates.
40...Kg7 41.Qe5+ Kf7 42.Qf5+ Ke8 43.Re1+ Kd8 44.Qf8# Weighted Error Value: White=0.24 (precise) /Black=0.61
1-0

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□ **Bird,Henry**
■ **Hanham,James**
06.Congress New York, NY USA (23)
[Kitty Kat]

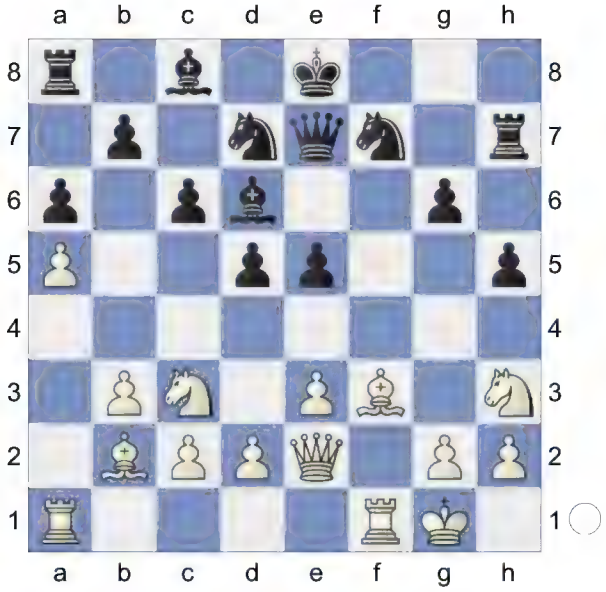
A03: Bird's Opening with 1...d5 **1.f4** Notes by Steinitz. **1...d5 2.e3 e6 3.Nh3N**
[3.Nf3 c5 4.b3
A) 4...Nf6 5.Bb2 Be7 6.Bb5+ Bd7 *(6...Nbd7 7.0-0 0-0 8.Qe1 a6 9.Bd3 b5 10.Be2 Ne4 11.d3 Bf6 12.Ne5 Nd6 13.Nd2 Bb7 14.Bg4 Bh4 15.Qe2 f5 16.Bh3 Bf6 17.Rad1 Bxe5 18.fxe5 Nf7 19.Nf3 Qc7 20.Qf2 Rae8 21.d4* Bird,H-Gossip,G Londres 1891 10000 Comentadas [Gonzalez, Julio A] 1-0 (44)*)* 7.Be2 0-0 8.0-0 b5 9.Ne5 a5 10.Rf3 Ne4 11.Rh3 f6 12.Nxd7 Qxd7 13.a4 b4 14.Bb5 Qc8 15.Qh5 h6 16.Qg6 Kh8 17.d3 Nd6 18.Nd2 Nxb5 19.Rf1 Helmert,J-Motyka,M (2300) 54: Leon (rapid) 1965 200 Traps In The Opening [Game 109] 1-0 Nd6 20.Rxh6+ gxh6 21.Qxh6+ Kg8 22.Qg6+ Kh8 23.Rf3 e5 24.f5 Qxf5 25.Rxf5 Nxf5 26.Qxf5 1-0 (26) Pettersson,H-Duff,R Bruges 1965 CBM 150 Extra [Olsson; Korrschack 3/2001];
B) 4...a6 5.Bb2 Nf6 6.a4 b6 7.Be2 Nbd7 8.0-0 Be7 9.d3 0-0 10.Nbd2 Ng4 11.Qe1 Nxe3 12.Qg3 Bf6 13.Ne5 Nxf1 14.Rxf1 Nxe5 15.fxe5 Bg5 16.Nf3 Be3+ 17.Kh1 d4 18.h4 f5 19.Bc1 Haring,F-Davila,E Biel 1927 EXT 2016 [BCCA Magazine iii:4 (July 1951) p49] 0-1 (43);
C) 4...Nc6 5.Bb5 Bd7 *(5...Nf6 6.Bb2 Be7 7.0-0 0-0 8.Bxc6 bxc6 9.Ne5 Qc7 10.d3 a5 11.Qe2 a4 12.Nd2 axb3 13.axb3 Rxa1 14.Rxa1 Bb7 15.g4 Ra8 16.Rxa8+ Bxa8 17.g5 Nd7 18.Ndf3 Nxe5 19.Bxe5 Qa5 20.c4* Zbarsky,Z-11.Rad1 simult. 1913 Lessons with a GM [FS 106] 1-0 (42) *)* 6.0-0 Nf6 7.Bb2 g6 8.Qe1 Bg7 9.d3 0-0 10.Nbd2 Nb4 11.Bxd7 Nxc2 12.Qc1 Nxa1 13.Qxa1 Nh5 14.Ne5 Bxe5 15.fxe5 Qxd7 16.g4 Ng7 17.Qe1 Qe7 Robinson-Duda,J Cienfuegos 1909 ZUS D57 [Popovic,Petar; Adzic,Slobodan] 1-0 (40)]
3...Nh6 The unusual development of the KN which both parties adopt is more favorable for Black who has good prospects of forming a center, commencing with f6. **4.b3 f6 5.Be2 Bd6 6.Nc3 a6** Much better was Nc5 or Nf7. **7.Bh5+ g6 8.Bf3** The position is equal. **8...Nf7 9.Bb2 Nd7 10.0-0 h5** 0.79/18 We see no positive object in this advance which loosens his K side.
[10...0-0= 0.22/21]
11.Qe1 Qe7 12.a4 0.08/20
[12.d4± 0.55/20]
12...Rh7 0.59/19
[Black should play 12...c6= 0.08/20]
13.Qe2 c6 14.a5 e5 15.fxe5
[15.e4 with more complications. d4

16.Na4 exf4 17.Bxd4 Bc7]

15...fxe5 1.32/22

[15...Qxe5 16.Nf4±]

[Black should try 15...Nfxe5± 0.40/23 16.d4 Nxf3+ 17.Qxf3 g5]



16.Bxd5!± A high spirited sacrifice, based on fine position judgement. A high spirited sacrifice, based on fine position judgement. &Bianco is more active. **16...cxd5 17.Nxd5 Qe6** 1.84/22

[17...Qh4± 1.53/26]

18.Qc4!+- Nf8? 4.39/25

[18...Qg4 2.45/25 19.d4 Rb8]

19.Ba3 Rg7 20.Bxd6 By 20.Rf6 Qd7 21.Nb6 Qd8 22.Bxd6 Qxf6 23.Bxf8, he would have recovered his piece fully and kept two pawns ahead. **20...Nxd6 21.Nc7+?** 0.25/23

[21.Qa4++- 3.72/25 Nb5 22.c4 *(22.Qb4 Qd6±)*]

21...Rxc7!= 22.Qxc7 Qe7 23.Qxe7+ Kxe7 24.Ng5 Bf5 25.d3 e4 Rc8 was much better. **26.d4 Ne6** 1.03/24

[26...h4± 0.49/24]

27.Nxe6± Kxe6 28.c4 Rc8 29.Ra4 Rc7 30.Rb4 Ke7 31.Kf2 Be6 1.56/26

[⌓31...Ke6 1.09/23]

32.Ke1 Bc8 33.Kd2 Be6 34.h4 0.80/24

[⌓34.h3 1.42/22]

34...Bf5 35.Rf4 Kd7 36.Kc3 Nb5+ 37.Kd2 0.01/23

[37.Kb2± 0.90/26 Nd6]

37...Nd6= 38.d5 Rc5 1.01/26

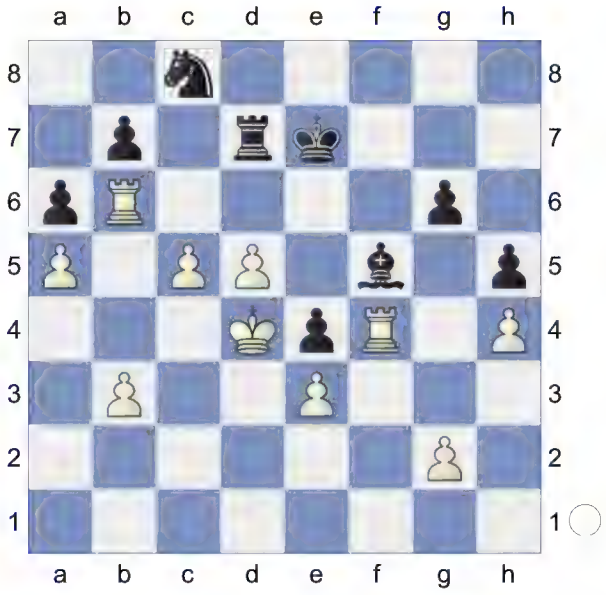
[38...Ke7± 0.65/26]

39.Ra4± Ke7 40.Kc3! Rc7 41.Kd4 Kf6 42.Rb4 Rd7 43.Rb6 Ke7 1.92/21

[43...Kg7± 1.34/24 44.Rf1 Nc8]

44.c5+- Nc8 2.84/23

[44...Nb5+± 1.56/24 was worth a try. 45.Ke5 Ke8]



45.Rxf5! The culmination at this juncture of White's finely conceived plan has been led up with consumate skill. **45...gxf5** Endgame KRN-KR **46.Rh6 Kd8 47.Rxh5** Still more decisive was 47. Rh8+ first, for Black's knight was then kept more inactive. **47...Ne7** 5.53/23

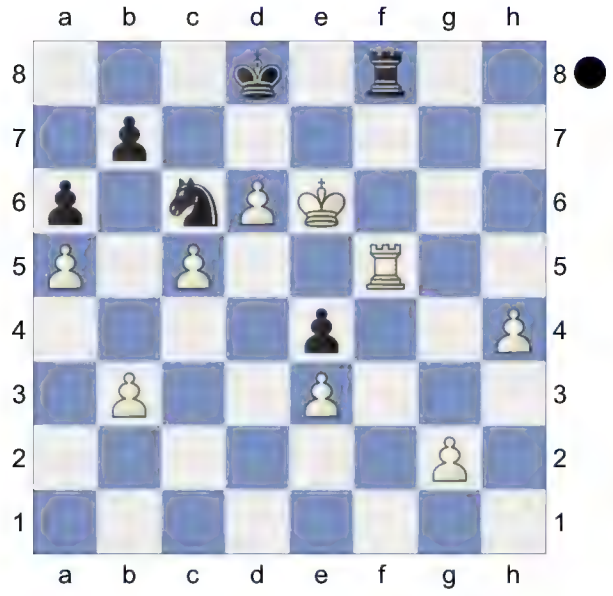
[47...Re7 3.69/23 was called for. 48.Rxf5 Na7 49.Rf8+ Kd7]

48.d6 2.35/25

[⌓48.Rh8+ 5.53/23 Kc7 49.d6+ Kc6 50.Re8]

48...Nc6+ 49.Kd5 White has strong compensation. **49...Rf7 50.Ke6** White threatens Rh5-h8+ and mate. **50...Rf8** Prevents Rh5-h8. White must now prevent ...f5-f4. **51.g3**

[51.Rxf5?



Nd4+! 52.Kd5 *(52.exd4? Rxf5 53.Kxf5 e3-+)* 52...Nxf5-+]

51...Nd4+ 52.Ke5

[But not 52.exd4? e3 53.Rxf5 Re8+ 54.Kd5 e2-+]

52...Nxb3 53.Rxf5 Re8+ 3.34/24 This move loses the game for Black.

[53...Rxf5+ 54.Kxf5 Ke8 55.h5 Nxc5 56.g4+-]

[53...Rg8± 1.48/23]

54.Kd5 Nxa5 55.h5 Nc6 56.g4 And now h5-h6 would win. **56...a5?** 6.05/23

[56...Nb4+ 3.22/21 57.Kc4 Nc6]

57.h6 a4 8.32/24

[⌓57...Nb4+ 4.87/22 58.Kc4 Rh8]

58.Rf7 Re5+ 59.Kc4 aiming for h6-h7. **59...Re6** White is clearly winning. **60.Rf8+ Kd7 61.h7 Rh6 62.h8Q** Weighted Error Value: White=0.31/ Black=0.37

1-0

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□ **Bird,Henry Edward**

■ **Van Vliet,Louis**

ENG 1893

[Kitty Kat]

A03: Bird's Opening with 1...d5 **1.f4 d5 2.Nf3 g6 3.e3 Bg7 4.c4 e6 5.Nc3 Nf6 6.d4 b6**

[6...0-0 7.b4 a5 8.b5 dxc4 9.Bxc4 c5 10.bxc6 bxc6 11.Ba3 Re8 12.Na4 Nbd7 13.0-0 Nd5 14.Qe2 Nb4 15.Ne5 Nb6 16.Bxb4 Nxc4 17.Bc5 Nxe5 18.fxe5 Ba6 19.Qf3 Bxf1 20.Rxf1 Qc7 21.Bd6 Panic,N (2371)-Stojanovic,Z (2255) Paracin 2010 1-0 (78)]

[6...c5 7.cxd5 exd5 8.Bb5+ Nc6 9.dxc5 0-0 10.0-0 Re8 11.Qb3 Bg4 12.Ba4 Rb8 13.Rd1 Qe7 14.Nxd5 Nxd5 15.Qxd5 Rbd8 16.Qg5 Rxd1+ 17.Bxd1 Qd7 18.Bb3 Be6 19.Bd2 Bxb3 0-1 (19) Diaz Felez,F (1629)-Diaz Rubi,F (2229) ICCF 2018]

7.Bd3N

[7.Be2 Bb7 8.0-0 0-0 9.Ne5 Nbd7 10.Bf3 Nxe5 11.fxe5 Ne4 12.Bxe4 dxe4 13.Qc2 f5 14.b4 Rf7 15.Ne2 c5 16.bxc5 bxc5 17.Bb2 Rc8 18.Nf4 Re7 19.Rfd1 cxd4 20.exd4 Bh6 21.Bc1 Bxf4 Tartakower,S-Schlechter, C Vienna 1917 1-0 (65)]

7...Bb7 8.cxd5 exd5 0.32/16

[8...Nxd5= -0.10/21 deserves consideration. 9.0-0 0-0]

9.0-0 Nbd7 10.Ne5 Ne4 1.65/22

[10...c5= 0.20/17]

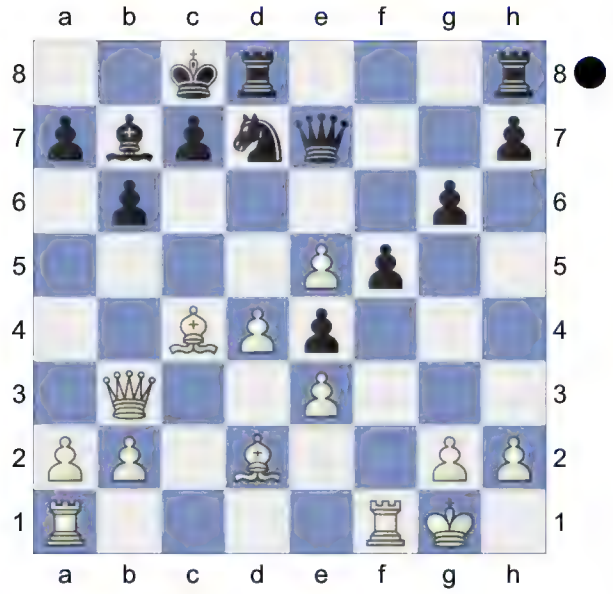
11.Nxe4+- Black must now prevent Ne4-g3. **11...dxe4 12.Bb5 Bxe5 13.fxe5**

[13.dxe5?! a6 14.Bc4 Qe7±]

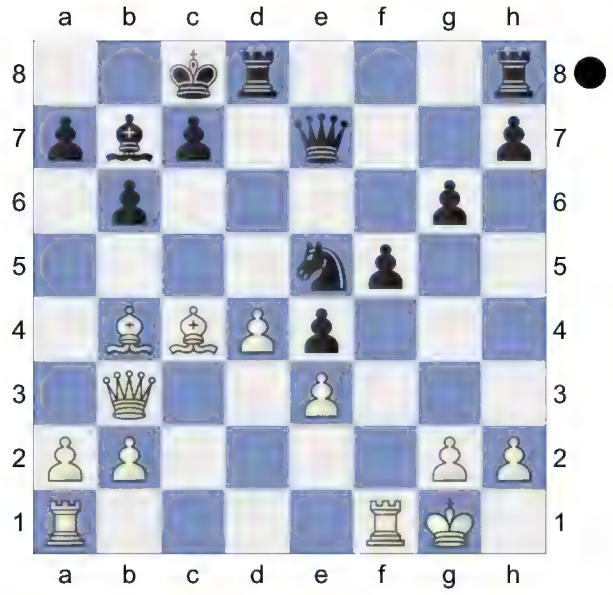
13...Qe7 2.15/23

[13...Bd5 1.68/21 keeps fighting. 14.Qa4 Rc8]

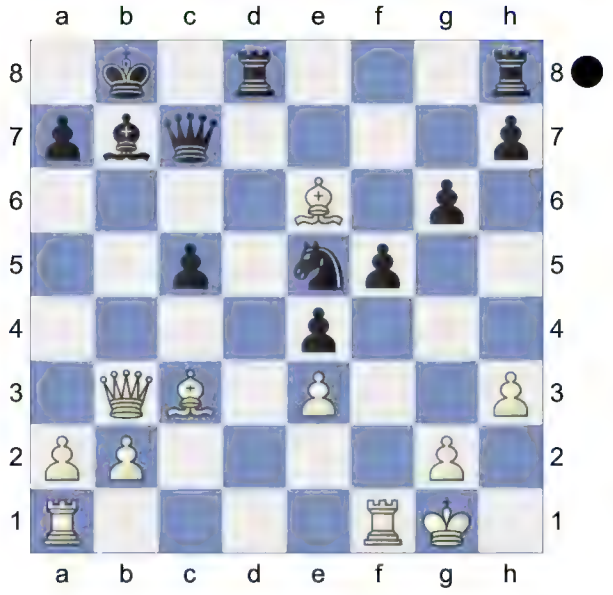
14.Bc4 f5 15.Bd2
[15.exf6 Nxf6 16.Qa4+ Kf8]
15...0-0-0 16.Qb3? -0.20/18
[16.b4+- 2.01/19]



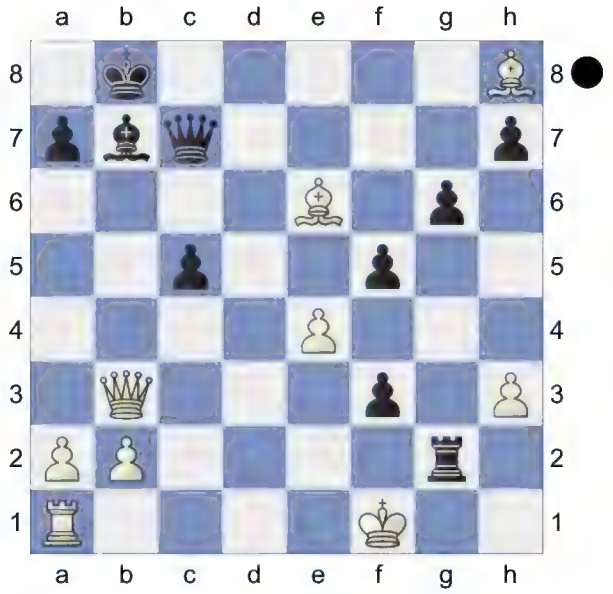
16...Nxe5!= 17.Bb4!



c5! 18.dxc5! bxc5
[Don't play 18...Nxc4 19.Qxc4 Qc7 20.Rac1±]
19.Be6+ -0.87/23 This bishop pair is nice.
[19.Bc3= 0.23/22 Rhe8 20.Ba5]
19...Kb8∓ &Nero is more active. **20.Bc3 Qc7** And now ...Ne5-g4 would win. **21.h3** -3.63/22
[Better is 21.Bc4∓ -0.47/22]



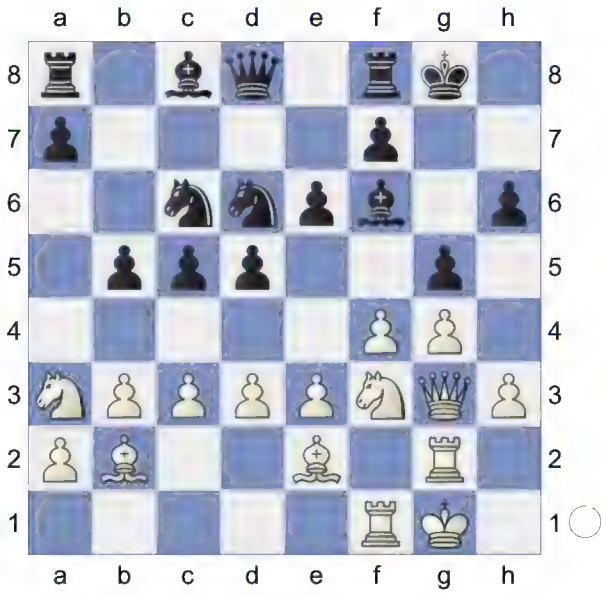
Inhibits Ne5-g4. **21...Nf3+!-+ 22.Rxf3?** -4.88/25
[Avoid the trap 22.gxf3? Qg3+ 23.Kh1 exf3 24.Be5+ Qxe5-+]
[22.Kf2 -2.15/24 Nd2 23.Qb5 Nxf1 24.Rxf1]
22...exf3 23.Bxh8 Rd2
[Not 23...Rxh8 24.Bd5∓]
24.e4 Rxg2+ 25.Kf1



Rg1+!! Skewer **26.Kf2 Qg3+** -14.43/5
[⌓26...Qh2+ -#4/10 27.Kxf3 Rg3+ 28.Kf4 Rg2+ 29.Kf3 Qg3#]
27.Ke3 f2+ Never resign too early! Weighted Error Value: White=0.85/ Black=0.48
0-1

140 **A02**
□ **Bird,Henry**
■ **Malta,JF.**
Gouda 08.1880
[Kitty Kat]

A03: Bird's Opening with 1...d5 **1.f4 e6 2.Nf3 d5 3.e3 c5 4.b3 Nf6 5.Bb2 Be7 6.Be2**
[6.Nc3 Nc6 7.Bb5 0-0 8.Bxc6 bxc6 9.0-0 Qc7 10.Qe1 Ba6 11.d3 Rab8 12.Qg3 Ne8 13.Ne5 f6 14.Ng4 c4 15.dxc4 Bxc4 16.Rf3 Ba6 17.Qh3 f5 18.Ne5 Nf6 19.Rg3 Bd6 20.Qh6 Rb7 Bird,H-Minckwitz,J Hamburgo 1885 Bird-Defence [Standard] 1-0 (44)]
6...0-0 7.0-0 Ng4N
[7...Nc6 8.Ne5 Qb6 9.Nxc6 Qxc6 10.d3 b5 11.c4 a6 12.Nd2 Bb7 13.Bf3 Qb6 14.e4 dxc4 15.dxc4 Rfd8 16.Qe2 Rd7 17.e5 Rad8 18.Bc1 Ne8 19.Bxb7 Qxb7 20.Nf3 g6 21.Re1 Ng7 22.Be3 Kurz (2119)-Guth,W (2060) corr 2001 CYB 01 [Dragan Solak] 1-0 (78) Nf5 23.Bf2 Rd3 24.Rac1 b4 25.Kf1 h5 26.Red1 Qd7 27.Rxd3 Qxd3 28.Qxd3 Rxd3 29.Ke2 Rd7 30.Rd1 Ra7 31.Nd2 a5 32.Ne4 a4 33.Bxc5 Bxc5 34.Nxc5 axb3 35.axb3 Kg7 36.g3 Ra2+ 37.Rd2 Krafzik,J (2119)-Thielemann,J (2060) Rheda-Wiedenbr ? ck 2001 EXT 2002 [ChessBase II] 1-0 (78)]
[7...a6 8.a4 Nc6 9.Na3 Qc7 10.Qe1 Nd7 11.Bd3 Bf6 12.Bxf6 Nxf6 13.Qh4 Ne7 14.Ne5 Ng6 15.Qg3 Nxe5 16.fxe5 Nd7 17.Rf4 Qxe5 18.Raf1 f5 19.c3 Nf6 20.Qf2 Qd6 21.Nc2 e5 22.Rh4 Mason,J-Tarrasch,S Hambourg 1885 10000 Comentadas [Gonzalez, Julio A] 0-1 (44)]
8.h3 Bf6 9.c3 The position is equal.
9...Nh6 10.Na3 -0.17/18
[⌓10.g4 0.20/19 Be7 11.c4]
10...Nf5 11.g4 Ng3 12.Rf2 Ne4 0.00/18
[12...Nc6∓ -0.45/19]
13.Rg2= h6 0.51/22
[13...Nc6= 0.00/18]
14.Qe1 Nc6 15.d3 Nd6 16.Qg3 -0.23/18
[16.e4± 0.43/20]
16...g5 0.65/17
[16...b5= -0.23/18]
17.Rf1± b5 1.09/19
[⌓17...a5 0.72/19]



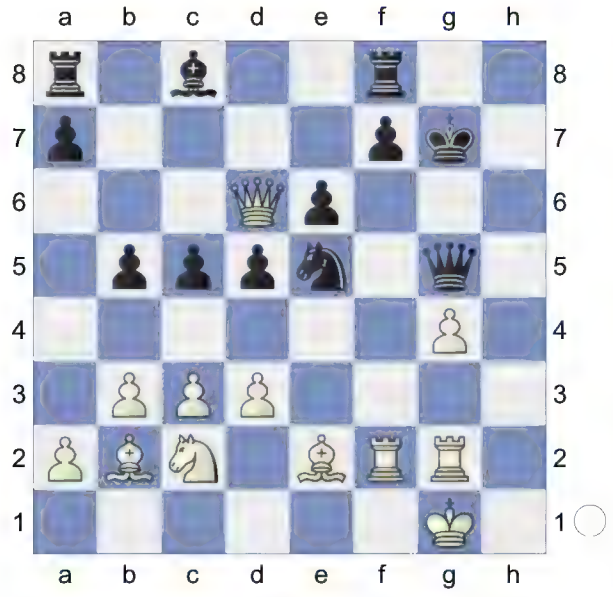
18.h4!± Black must now prevent h4xg5.
18...Kg7? 5.04/19 Black cannot hold the game after this.

[Better is 18...gxf4± 0.68/20 19.Qxf4 Bg7]

19.hxg5 hxg5 20.fxg5 Bxg5 21.Nxg5 Qxg5 22.Qxd6 Qxe3+ 23.Rff2 Ne5 7.96/22

[⌓23...Bb7 5.05/18 24.c4+ d4 25.Qxc5 Kg8]

24.Nc2 Qg5



25.Rf5!! Qd2

[25...exf5 26.Qxe5+]

26.Bf1 8.30/20 **Qh6 27.Rxe5 Rh8 28.Rh5** Weighted Error Value: White=0.25 (precise) /Black=1.14

1-0

141 **A03**

□ **Gromer,Aristide**

■ **Kahn,Victor**

Sarreguemines (7) 07.09.1933

[Kitty Kat]

A03: Bird's Opening with 1...d5

1.f4 d5 2.Nf3 Nf6 3.b3 g6 4.Bb2 Bg7 5.e3 0-0 6.Ne5

[6.Be2 b6 *(6...c5 7.0-0 b6 8.Ne5 Bb7 9.Bf3 Nbd7 10.Nxd7 Qxd7 11.Be5 Rad8 12.Qe2 Ne8 13.Bxg7 Nxg7 14.d3 Rfe8 15.d4 f6 16.Bg4 Qd6 17.Qf3 Ba6 18.Rf2 e5 19.fxe5 fxe5 20.Qf7+ Kh8 21.Qxa7* Agasiev,K-Djafarli,A Baku 2002 [ChessCalisthenics] 1-0 (33)) 7.0-0 Bb7 8.a4 c5 9.a5 bxa5 10.Qc1 Nc6 11.Nc3 d4 12.Na4 Nd7 13.Ne1 Nb4 14.c3 dxc3 15.dxc3 Nd5 16.Bf3 Qc7 17.c4 Bxb2 18.Nxb2 N5f6 19.Qc3 Bxf3 20.gxf3 Rfb8 Leppert,S (2460)-Gade,M (2475) corr 1988 200 Traps In The Opening [lainMackintosh] 0-1]

[6.Nc3 c5 7.Bd3 Nc6 8.0-0 e5 9.Nxe5 Nxe5 10.fxe5 Ng4 11.Be2 Nxe5 12.Qe1 d4 13.exd4 cxd4 14.Nd1 d3 15.cxd3 Nxd3 16.Bxd3 Qxd3 17.Bxg7 Kxg7 18.Qe5+ Kg8 19.Nc3 f6 20.Qd5+ Qxd5 Lazard,F-Kahn,V Sarreguemines 1933 EXT 2018 [Lazard,Frederic] ½-½]

6...c5 7.d4N

[7.Bd3 Nbd7 8.0-0 Nxe5 9.Bxe5 Ne4 10.Bxg7 Kxg7 11.Be2 Qb6 12.d3 Qf6 13.Nd2 Nc3 14.Qe1 Nxe2+ 15.Qxe2 Qc3 16.Nf3 Bg4 17.Qd2 Qxd2 18.Nxd2 Rad8 19.e4 dxe4 20.Nxe4 b6 21.Rae1 Bc8 Hellmann,E-Sacconi,A Milan 1926 EXT 2020 [ChessBase II] ½-½ (42)]

7...Ne4 8.Bd3 Black is slightly better.

8...Qa5+ 9.c3 cxd4 10.exd4 Nc6 11.0-0 Qb6 0.11/21

[11...Bf5 -0.30/17 is more appropriate.]

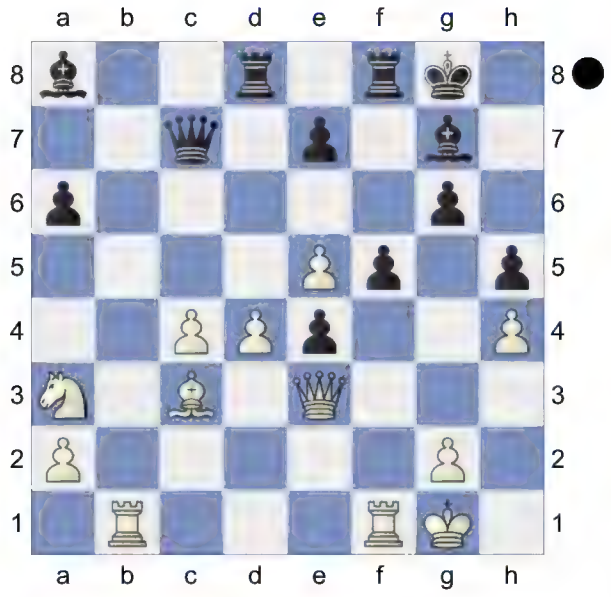
12.Bxe4= dxe4 13.Nc4 -0.38/19

[13.Nd2= -0.06/18]

13...Qd8 14.Qe2 f5 15.Nba3 a6 16.Rad1 b5 17.Ne5 Nxe5 18.fxe5 Bb7 19.c4 bxc4 20.bxc4 Qc7 21.Qe3 -0.48/18

[21.Bc1= -0.12/17 feels stronger.]

21...Rad8∓ 22.Bc3 -0.88/19
[22.h3∓ -0.51/18]
22...Ba8 -0.35/16
[22...f4∓ -0.88/19 23.Rxf4 Rxf4 24.Qxf4 Bxe5!]
23.h4 -0.68/17
[⌓23.c5 -0.35/16]
23...h5 -0.34/18
[⌓23...Rf7 -0.68/17 24.g3 e6]
24.Rb1 -1.48/20
[24.c5!∓ -0.34/18]

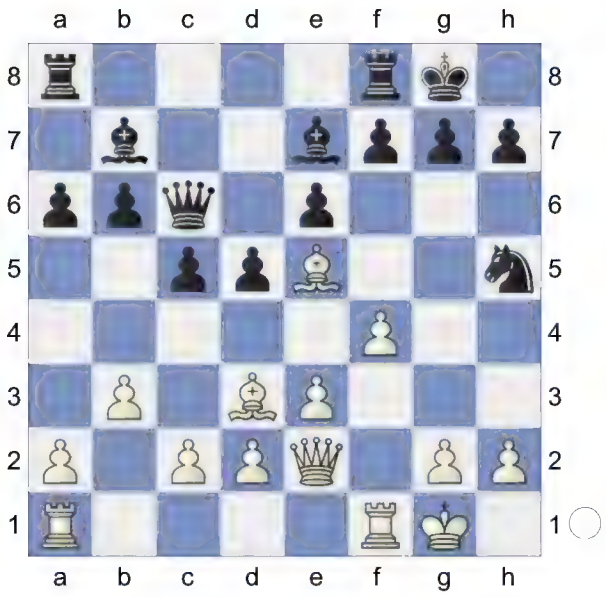


24...Kh7!∓ 25.Qe1 -1.58/18
[⌓25.d5 -1.15/16]
25...Bxe5 -0.47/21 **26.dxe5∓ Qc5+ 27.Qf2 Qxa3 28.Bb4 e3** -0.01/23 **29.Bxa3= exf2+ 30.Rxf2 Rfe8 31.Rb6 Rd4 32.Rxa6** Hoping for Ra7. **32...Rxc4** 1.45/23
[32...Kg7= -0.01/22]
33.Ra7± Re4? 3.21/23
[33...Rxh4 1.64/21 34.Bxe7 Re4]
34.Bxe7+- Kg8 35.Bf6 Rg4? 5.08/23
[35...Bd5 3.02/18 was called for. 36.Rd2 Be6 37.Rg7+ Kf8 38.Rxg6 f4]
36.Rc2 Rg7+ is the strong threat.
36...Rb8 13.10/23
[⌓36...Bd5 4.13/22 37.Rd2 Be6]
37.e6 White threatens Rg7+ and mate. White is clearly winning. **37...Bd5 38.Rg7+ Kf8 39.e7+ Ke8 40.Rd2** Weighted Error Value: White=0.19 (very precise) /Black=0.40
1-0

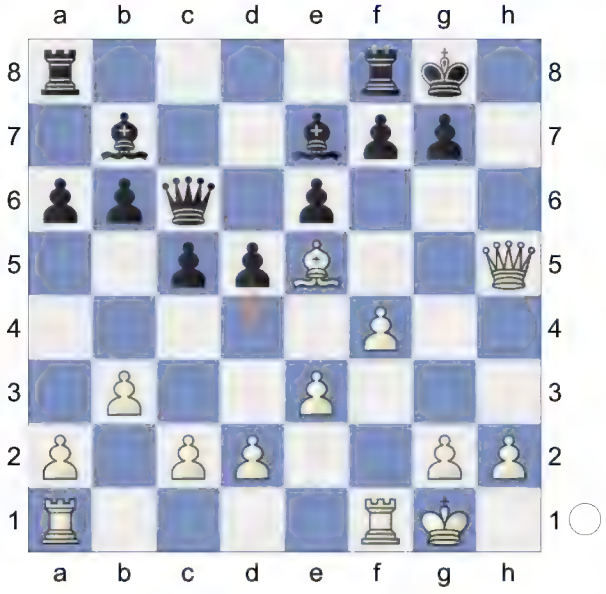
142 **A03**
□ **Lasker,Emanuel**
■ **Bauer,JH.**
Amsterdam NED 1889
[Kitty Kat]

A03: Bird's Opening with 1...d5
1.f4 d5 2.e3 Nf6 3.b3 e6 4.Bb2 Be7 5.Bd3 b6 6.Nf3 Bb7 7.Nc3 Nbd7 8.0-0 The position is equal. **8...0-0 9.Ne2 c5 10.Ng3 Qc7**
[10...g6 is interesting. 11.c4 Qc7 12.Rc1 a6]
11.Ne5 Nxe5 0.13/19
[11...g6∓ -0.32/17 deserves consideration.]
12.Bxe5 -0.22/19
[⌓12.fxe5 0.13/19 Nd7 13.Qh5]
12...Qc6 13.Qe2 -0.33/18
[13.Nh5= 0.00/20 Nxh5 14.Qxh5]
13...a6 1.07/21
[13...g6∓ -0.33/18 stays ahead.]
14.Nh5± &Bianco is more active. White stays focused until the end. **14...Nxh5** 4.96/22
[14...d4± 0.84/19 15.Nxg7 Kxg7]

(Diagram)



15.Bxh7+!+- Decoy **15...Kxh7** **16.Qxh5+ Kg8**



White must now prevent ...d4! **17.Bxg7** Decoy **17...Kxg7** **18.Qg4+ Kh7** aiming for ...Rg8. **19.Rf3** Rh3+ would kill now. **19...e5 20.Rh3+ Qh6 21.Rxh6+ Kxh6 22.Qd7 Bf6 23.Qxb7 Kg7 24.Rf1** fxe5 is the strong threat. **24...Rab8 25.Qd7 Rfd8 26.Qg4+ Kf8 27.fxe5 Bg7 28.e6 Rb7 29.Qg6 f6 30.Rxf6+ Bxf6 31.Qxf6+** Endgame KQ-KRR **31...Ke8 32.Qh8+ Ke7 33.Qg7+ Kxe6 34.Qxb7** KQ-KR **34...Rd6** **35.Qxa6 d4 36.exd4 cxd4 37.h4 d3 38.Qxd3** Threatening mate with h5! **38...Rxd3N 39.cxd3**

Weighted Error Value: White=0.19 (very precise) /Black=0.67

1-0

143 **A02**

□ **Bird,Henry Edward**

■ **Lasker,Emanuel**

Match GBR Newcastle-upon-Tyne (2)

[Kitty Kat]

A02: Bird's Opening

1.f4 e5 2.fxe5 d6 3.exd6 Bxd6 4.Nf3 g5 5.d4 g4 6.Ne5 Bxe5 7.dxe5 Qxd1+ 8.Kxd1 Nc6 9.Bf4

[9.Nc3 Be6 10.Bg5 a6 11.Ke1 Nxe5 12.Rd1 f6 13.Bf4 Ne7 14.g3 N7g6 15.Bg2 c6 16.Bh6 Kf7 17.Rf1 Rhd8 18.Rxd8 Rxd8 19.Bg5 Nd7 20.Ne4 Bd5 21.Bxf6 Nxf6 22.Rxf6+ Ke7 23.Rf2 Bxa2 Bergsaker-Scripnic, D Tromso 2005 Larsen MBM [Guliyev, N] 1-0 (35)]

9...Be6N

[9...Nge7 10.Nc3 Be6 11.e3 0-0-0+ 12.Bd3 Ng6 13.Ke2 Nxf4+ 14.exf4 Nb4 15.Rad1 Nxd3 16.cxd3 Rhe8 17.Kf2 Rd4 18.Ne2 Rd7 19.b3 Red8 20.d4 ½-½ (20) Daniel,R-Sansas,A Marseille 1954 EXT 2009 [ChessBase II]]

10.e3 Nge7 11.Bb5 The position is equal. **11...0-0-0+ 12.Kc1 Bd5 13.Rg1 a6 14.Be2 Be6 15.Nc3 h6 16.Bd3 Ng6 17.Bxg6 fxg6 18.Rd1** -0.76/22

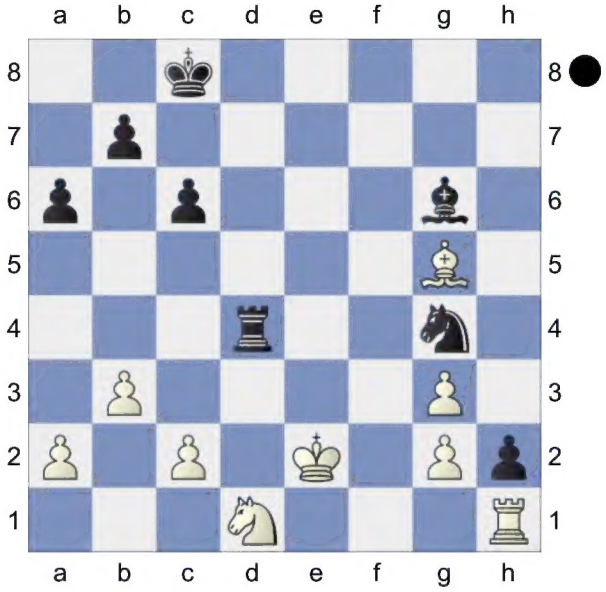
[18.b3= 0.27/21 keeps the balance.]

18...Rde8 -0.20/22 &Nero is more active.

[18...Rxd1+∓ -0.76/22 19.Kxd1 g5]

19.e4 g5 Black has compensation. **20.Bg3 Rhf8 21.b3 h5! 22.Rd2 h4**

23.Bf2 Nxe5 24.Be3 -0.80/21
[24.Kb2∓ -0.31/22]
24...h3!∓ 25.Bxg5 -0.09/21
[25.Kb2∓ -0.68/20]
25...g3 -1.34/22 Black continues to play with concentration.
[25...hxg2= -0.09/21 26.Rxg2 b6]
26.hxg3 -1.91/23
[26.gxh3∓ -1.34/22 Nf3 27.hxg3 Nxg5 28.h4]
26...Rf1+!-+
[And not 26...h2 27.Kb2=]
27.Kb2 Rxa1 28.Kxa1 h2 29.Rd1 Ng4 30.Rh1 Bf7 31.Kb2 c6 32.Kc1 Bg6 aiming for ...Rh8. **33.Kd2** -2.55/23
[33.e5 -1.89/23 is a better defense.]
33...Rxe4 34.Nd1 Rd4+ 35.Ke2



Rxd1 36.Rxd1

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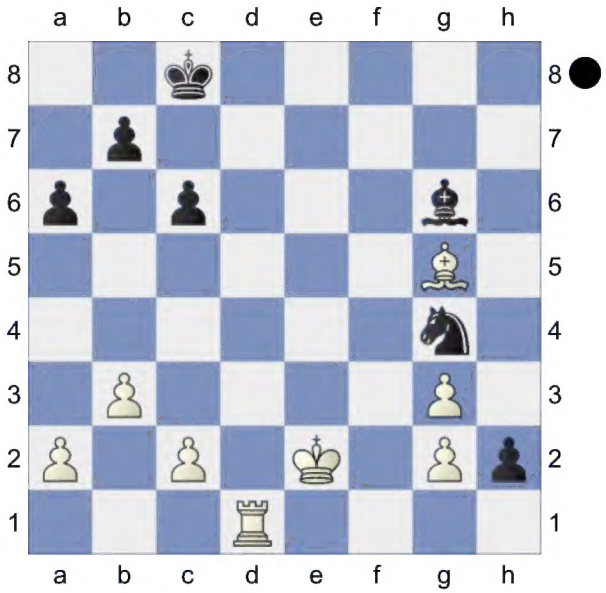


Be4 37.Rd8+ Kc7 38.Rd1 And now Bd8+ would win. Black has a decisive advantage. **38...Bxg2 39.Bd8+ Kc8 40.Bb6 Bd5**
Weighted Error Value: White=0.18 (very precise) /Black=0.06 (flawless)
0-1

144 **A03**
□ **Hromadka,Karel**
■ **Pachman,Ludek**
Zlin CZE (4) 1943
[Kitty Kat]

A03: Bird's Opening with 1...d5
1.f4 d5 2.e3 g6 3.Nf3 Bg7 4.d4 c5 5.c3 Nf6 6.Bd3 0-0 7.Nbd2
[7.0-0 b6 8.Qe2 Bb7 9.Bd2 Qc8 10.Be1 Ba6 11.Bh4 Bxd3 12.Qxd3 Qa6 13.Qxa6 Nxa6 14.Nbd2 e6 15.Ne5 Rfc8 16.Bxf6 Bxf6 17.g4 Bg7 18.Kf2 Kf8 19.Ke2 Ke7 20.h4 Nc7 21.Rh1 Ne8 Berkes,F (2649)-Blomqvist,E (2515) Cappelle la Grande 2016 EXT 2017 [Primel, Dominique] 0-1 (79)]
7...b6 8.0-0 Bb7 9.Ne5 Qc7N

[9...Ne4 10.Qc2 Nd6 11.b3 Nd7 12.Ba3 Rc8 13.Rac1 Nf6 14.Qd1 Rc7 15.Qe2 Qa8 16.Ba6 Nfe4 17.Bxb7 Qxb7 18.Nxe4 Nxe4 19.c4 Qa6 20.Bb2 Qxa2 21.Qc2 Qa6 22.cxd5 Nd6 23.Ra1 Qb7 24.Nc6 Grimaldi,R-Cuellar Gacharna,M Caracas 1973 EXT 2000 [ChessBase II] 1-0 (38)]

10.Qe1 Ne4 The position is equal.

11.Qh4 cxd4 0.24/19

[11...Nc6 -0.24/15 might be stronger.]

12.cxd4 -0.22/16

[⌓12.exd4 0.24/19 e6 13.Re1]

12...Na6 13.a3 Qd6 14.Rf3 Bf6 15.Qe1 Rac8 16.g4 -0.69/20

[White should try 16.b3= -0.12/18]

16...Bg7 -0.08/19

[16...Qe6∓ -0.69/20 17.h3 Bxe5 18.fxe5 f6 19.exf6 exf6]

17.Rh3= h6 18.Nf1 -0.54/19

[18.b4= -0.09/18 feels stronger.]

18...Rc7 19.Bd2 Rfc8 20.Bxe4 dxe4 21.Qh4 -1.34/19

[White should play 21.Rg3∓ -0.62/19]

21...Bd5 -0.60/21

[21...Rc2∓ -1.34/19 22.Bc3 Nc7]

22.Bc3 Nb8 23.g5 h5 24.Ng3 -1.43/21

[⌓24.Qe1 -0.92/18]

24...Nd7 -0.94/19

[⌓24...Rxc3 -1.43/21 25.bxc3 Rxc3]

25.Nxd7 Qxd7

[Reject 25...Rxd7 26.f5=]

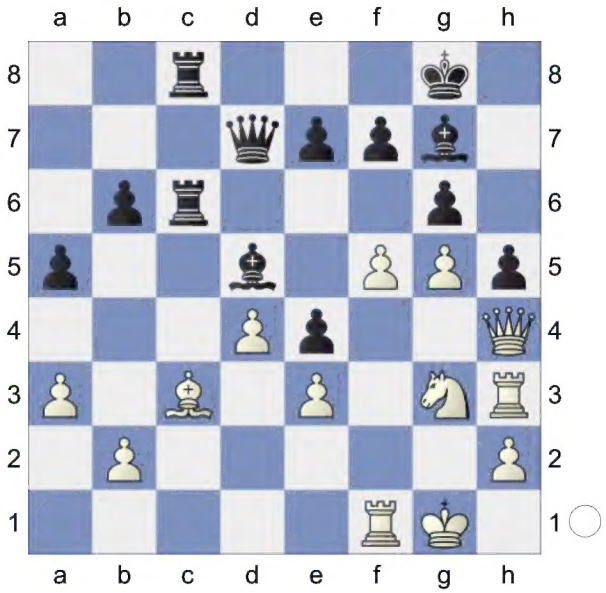
26.f5 Rc6 -0.07/19

[26...Rxc3∓ -0.86/20 27.bxc3 Rxc3]

27.Rf1! Hoping for fxg6. **27...a5?** 1.87/20

[27...Bc4= -0.01/19 and Black stays safe.]

(Diagram)



Black cannot hold the game after this.

28.fxg6!+- Rxg6 2.56/20

[28...fxg6 1.85/22 was worth a try. 29.Nxh5 Be6 30.Nf6+ *(30.d5 Bxh3 31.dxc6 Rxc6∓)* 30...exf6 31.Qh7+ Kf8 32.gxf6 Bf5]

29.Qxh5 Rcc6 30.Rh4 Kf8 31.Rhf4

[And not 31.Nxe4 Bh6 32.Qg4 Qxg4+ 33.Rxg4 Bxe4 34.Rxe4 Bxg5=]

31...Qe6? 4.17/20

[31...Qd8 1.69/18 was necessary. 32.h4 *(32.Nxe4 Bxe4 33.Rxe4 Qd5±)* 32...Kg8]

32.Nf5 1.89/20

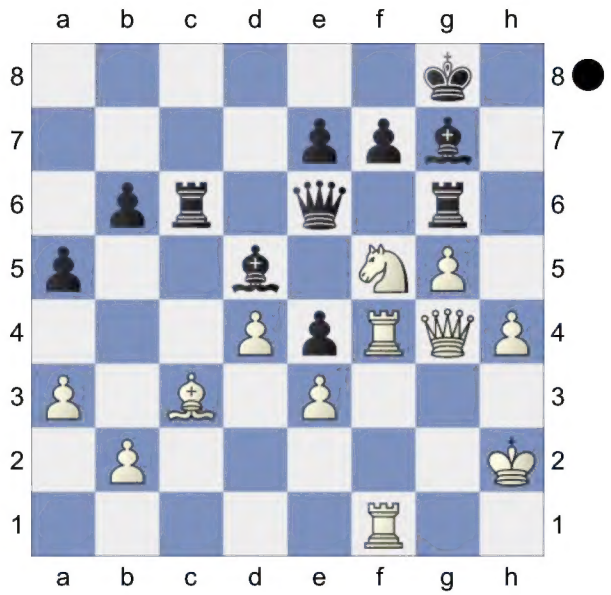
[⌓32.Rxf7+ 4.17/20 Qxf7 33.Rxf7+ Bxf7 34.Qg4 *(34.Nxe4 Bh6±)*]

32...Qf6? 4.07/22

[32...Kg8 1.89/20 was called for. 33.Kg2 Bf6]

33.h4 Qe6 34.Kh2 Kg8 35.Qg4

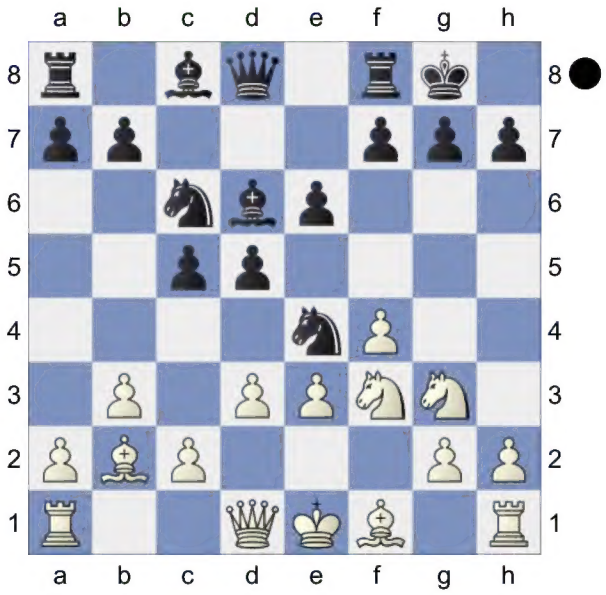
(Diagram)



Black must now prevent h5. **35...f6?** 6.47/25
[35...Bh8 3.60/22 36.h5 Rg7]
36.Qh5 White is clearly winning. **36...fxg5 37.hxg5** Strongly threatening Rh4. **37...Bc4 38.R1f2 Qf7 39.Nxg7 Qxg7 40.d5**
Weighted Error Value: White=0.29 (precise) /Black=0.60
1-0

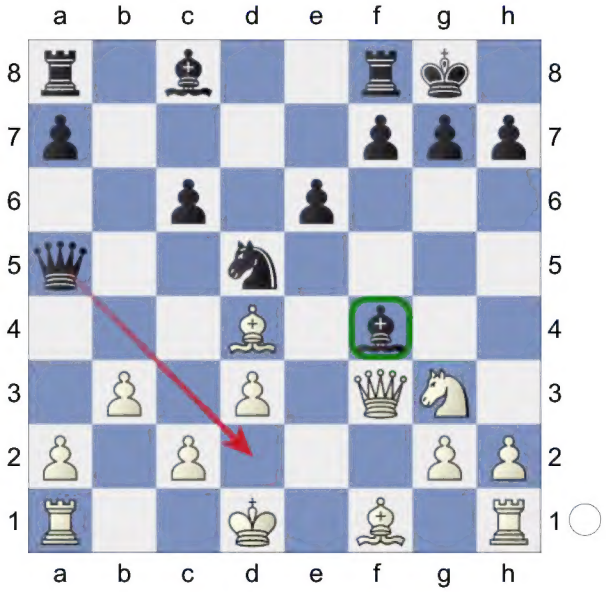
145 **A03**
□ **Bird,Henry Edward**
■ **Baird Jw**
06.Congress USA-06.Congress New Yor..
[Kitty Kat]

A03: Bird's Opening with 1...d5 **1.f4 d5 2.Nf3 e6 3.e3 Nf6 4.b3 Bd6 5.Bb2 0-0**
[5...a5 6.a4 Qe7 7.Na3 c6 8.Be2 Nbd7 9.0-0 e5 10.Nh4 g6 11.Qe1 0-0 12.fxe5 Nxe5 13.Nf3 Ne4 14.c4 Nxf3+ 15.Bxf3 Be5 16.Bxe5 Qxe5 17.cxd5 cxd5 18.Nb5 Bd7 19.d4 Qg5 20.h4 Fuchs,J (2289)-Paehtz,E (2480) Dresden 2014 CBM 163 Extra [ChessBase] 0-1 (61)]
6.Nc3N
[6.Bd3 c5 7.Ng5 h6 8.Nf3 Nc6 9.a3 Re8 10.0-0 Qc7 11.Bxf6 gxf6 12.Qe1 Bf8 13.c4 d4 14.Qh4 Bg7 15.exd4 f5 16.Nc3 Nxd4 17.Nxd4 Bxd4+ 18.Kh1 Bg7 19.Rf3 Bd7 20.Rg3 Kh8 Arnold,G (2140)-Lord,D (1765) USA 1998 1-0 (38)]
[6.Be2 Qe7 7.0-0 Nbd7 8.c4 e5 9.c5 Bxc5 10.fxe5 Ne4 11.d4 Bb4 12.a3 Ba5 13.b4 Bb6 14.a4 a5 15.b5 Qe6 16.Nbd2 Qh6 17.Ra3 c6 18.Nxe4 dxe4 19.Ne1 Bd8 20.Qc2 Qg6 Andreev,D-Thiele,E ICCF corr 1977 Corr 2002 [Thiele,E] ½-½ (45)]
6...c5 7.Ne2 Ne4 -0.01/18
[7...Nc6∓ -0.53/18]
8.Ng3= The position is equal. **8...Nc6** 0.88/18
[8...f6= 0.00/18 remains equal.]
9.d3? -1.25/20
[9.Nxe4± 0.88/18 is forced if you want to stay better. dxe4 10.Ng5]



9...Nf6 -0.75/21
[⌓9...Qa5+ -1.25/20 10.Nd2 Nc3]
10.Ne5 -1.58/19

[⌓10.Qd2 -0.75/21]
10...d4∓ 11.exd4 -2.01/23
[11.Nc4∓ -1.52/20 was called for.]
11...cxd4-+ 12.Nxc6 bxc6 13.Qf3 -2.25/22
[⌓13.Be2 -1.83/21]
13...Qa5+ 14.Kd1 Nd5 15.Bxd4? -6.23/24
[15.Bc1 -2.54/19]
15...Bxf4



16.c4 Qd2# Weighted Error Value: White=1.48/Black=0.29 (precise) . An unexpected result.
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